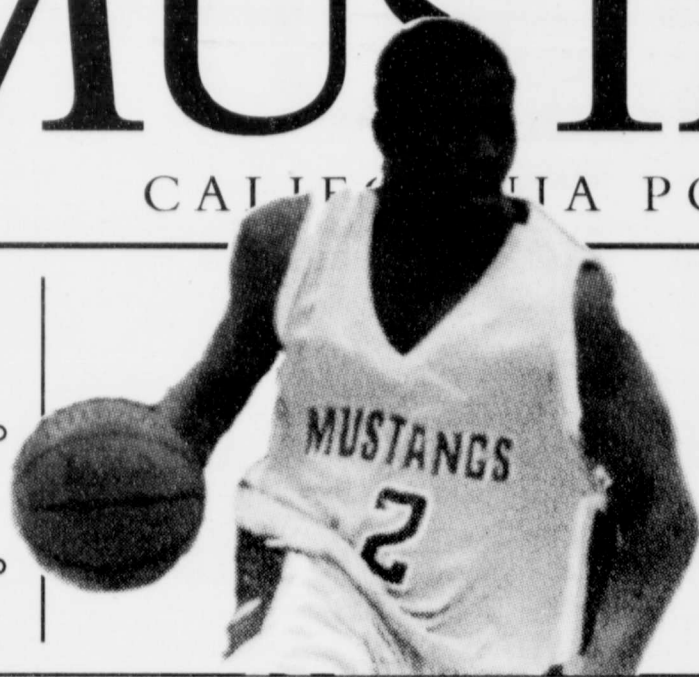


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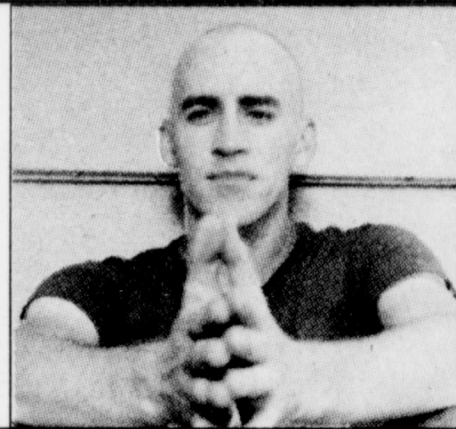


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## Stenner Glen in flames again

Taylor Moore and Amanda Retzer  
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The second fire in two days broke out Tuesday night at Stenner Glen residences on Foothill Boulevard. The fire occurred in building eight of the housing facility shortly before 9 p.m., in the same suite as the previous day's blaze.

The San Luis Obispo City Fire Department deemed the fire accidental and said in a news release that the fire was caused by the placement of a portable construction light near combustible items.

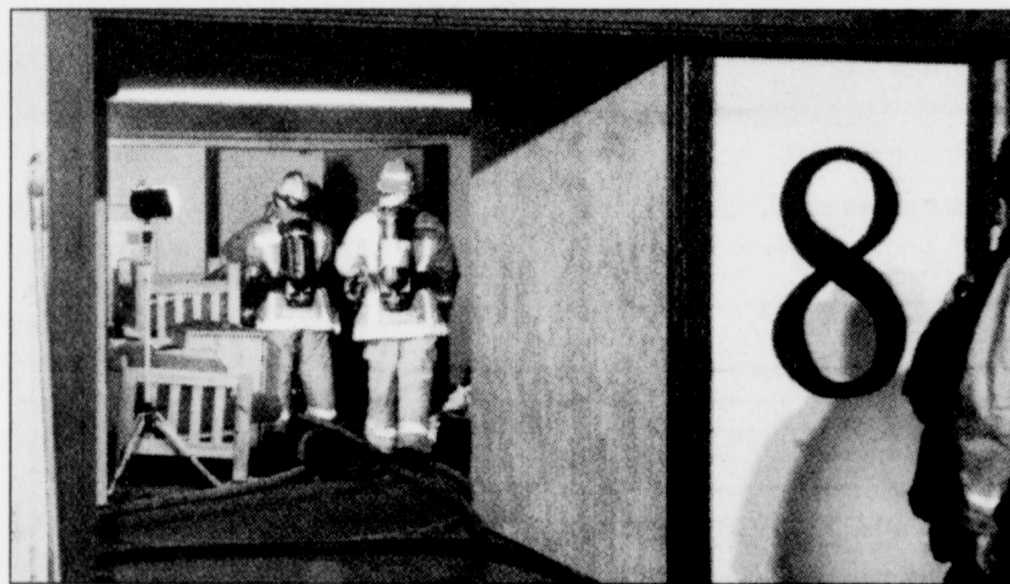
Catherine Hughes, a psychology freshman, called 911 at approximately 8:50 p.m. to report a fire alarm

and presence of smoke and fire from the eighth building. Hughes, who is a resident in the 13-building complex, expressed concern after the fire siren sounded because of the events from the previous night.

Hughes said the emergency dispatcher first asked if there was a possibility that the alarm was pulled as a prank but the situation was immediately deemed urgent enough for direct response.

Stenner Glen staff members ensured that all residents were evacuated before the fire units arrived and there were no injuries reported. Once outside, many witnesses saw flames rising from the windows and sparks from the roof.

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BRENNAN ANGEL MUSTANG DAILY

**Firefighters return to building 8 where a fire took place one night earlier. The second fire on Jan. 9 heavily damaged the entire building.**



**Retrofits and rent increases cause local downtown businesses Mo's and McCarthy's to relocate elsewhere.**

Josh Krane  
MUSTANG DAILY

Looming retrofits have sent two longstanding downtown restaurants searching for new permanent locations.

McCarthy's Irish Pub, located at 1019 Court St. for 50 years, and Mo's Smokehouse BBQ, located at 970 Higuera St. for 30 years, will be forced to leave in March as each facility is made earthquake compliant.

Quaglino Properties, which owns both adjacent facilities, has chosen to undergo the retrofits more than three years before a city ordinance mandates them to be completed. After the retrofits are finished, the leases for both restaurants will become null and void.

Mo's owner Larry Kowalski said that the company is using the retrofit as an excuse to raise the rent and force his restaurant out of the location.

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GRAIG MANTLE MUSTANG DAILY

**Restaurants McCarthy's and Mo's will be looking for new spaces to run their businesses in light of recent retrofittings that require them to leave.**

## Fewer college grads receiving health care coverage

Beth Oberleiter  
THE PITT NEWS (U. PITTSBURGH)

PITTSBURGH — Lyndsay Wengrzn heard that life after college had its costs and benefits. What she didn't plan for was the cost to be thousands of dollars and the benefits nowhere to be found.

Wengrzn, a 24-year-old graduate of Clarion University, accumulated \$3,000 in unpaid medical expenses during her first job in marketing. She quit her job, which offered minimal health benefits, to move to Florida and soon landed in the hospital with a kidney stone.

The kidney stone racked up \$745

in emergency room costs and was an unwelcome addition to her pre-existing stomach ulcers and high blood pressure — both of which went untreated because of little or no health care coverage.

Although she is paying off the bills, this isn't the scenario Wengrzn pictured for herself after graduation.

"The real world comes at you fast," Wengrzn said. "I wasn't ready."

She isn't the first to get slammed with unanticipated medical bills. Many recent graduates overlook health care coverage during their transition in to the working world.

A recent Commonwealth Fund

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## Recent sexual assault linked to 3 others potentially

Hayley Bramble  
MUSTANG DAILY

Police are advising women in San Luis Obispo not to walk alone at night after the fourth sexual assault in the past two months occurred Dec. 10 near campus.

The most recent assault appears to be linked to the other three, although police have not confirmed if they are in fact related.

The recent attacks have students as well as many in the community concerned about their safety.

"The key is to have a plan and not to walk alone," said Lt. Steve Tolley of the San Luis Obispo Police



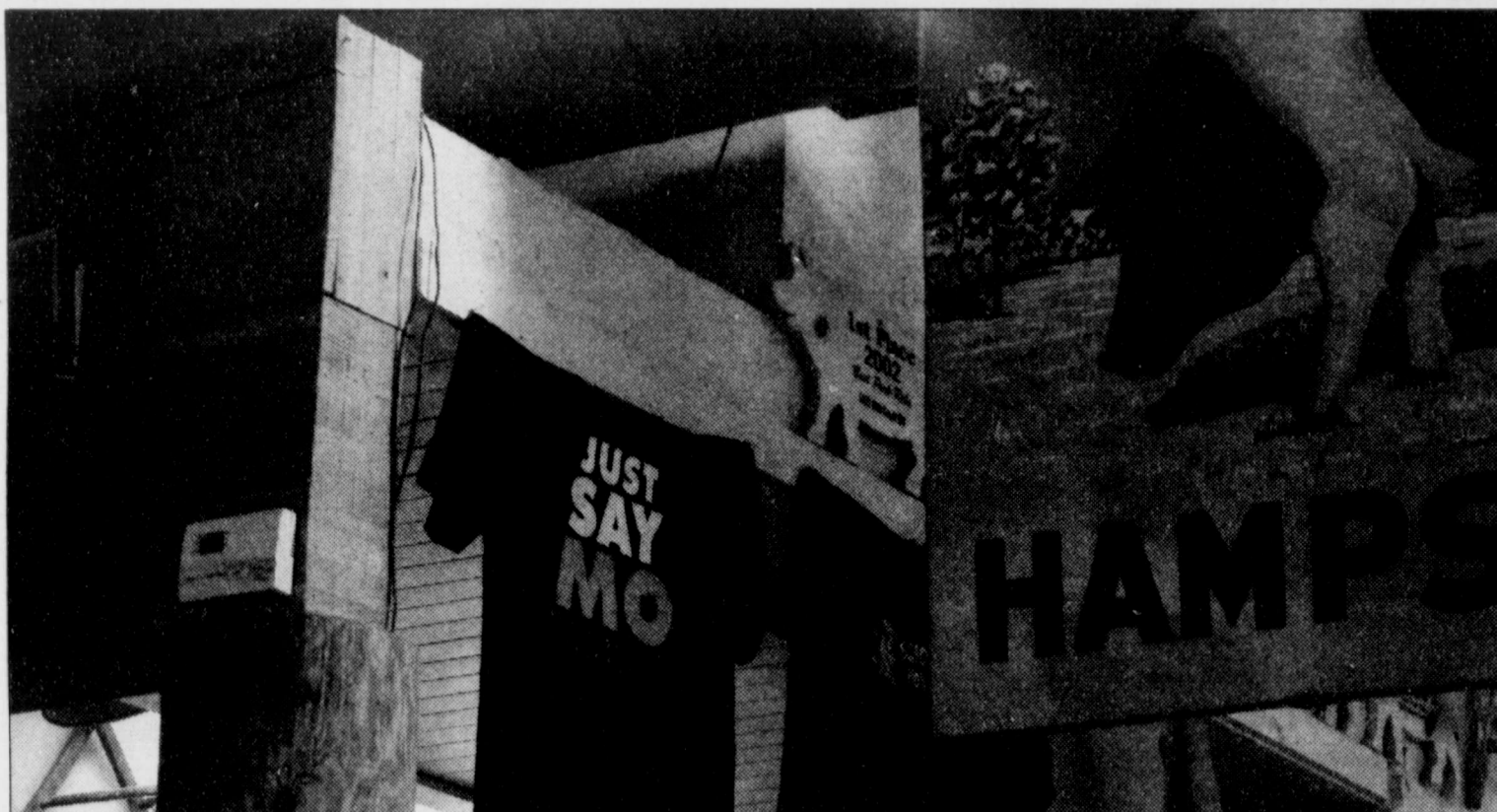
**Police are still searching for a young man matching the above rendering.**

Department. He advised carrying a cell phone and said that having a flashlight was also a good idea.

The University Police Department has distributed a safety advisory update flier that describes the attacker around campus and has posted the flier in student housing areas. The man is described to be between the ages of 20 and 25, with short brown hair and brown eyes and 5-foot-8-inches tall.

Muir Hall resident and kinesiology student  
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GRAIG MANTLE MUSTANG DAILY

The owners of Mo's, a barbecue restaurant located on Higuera Street, hope to keep their business downtown.

## Retrofits

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"We have a lease through 2009. We should be able to stay another year or two, but the landlord wants to kick us out sooner," he said.

In order to keep the location after the retrofit, Kowalski said he would have to pay \$7,000 more per month on rent and spend up to \$400,000 to rebuild the restaurant.

"Generally, the landlord will pay for tenant improvements, but he's charging us top-of-the-market rent and is not willing to pay for leasehold improvements," Kowalski said. "I think that's ridiculous since we've been there for 30 years."

Mo's, which also has a location in Pismo Beach, has a few leads for a new downtown location, Kowalski said. No specific spots were disclosed.

McCarthy's bartender Jerry Bender said the pub hasn't been invited to return after the retrofit is complete.

"Everybody's sad. McCarthy's has been here for like 50 years in the same spot. But the bottom line is McCarthy's isn't dead, it's just going to a new location. We're going to be here for a long, long time," said Bender, who started as a doorman at the pub 18 years ago.

The pub is also looking to stay downtown, though a new location hasn't been finalized. The owner of McCarthy's could not be reached.

Matt Quaglino, real estate manager for Quaglino

Properties, said the rent will be raised to recoup the cost of the retrofit and keep pace with property costs that have risen throughout downtown.

"Our business is leasing space. As like everything else, whether you're selling space or selling beer, you sell it at a profit. No one wants to sell it at a loss," he said.

Quaglino said he has turned down offers from businesses willing to pay \$4.50 per square foot for the space. Mo's and McCarthy's currently pay \$3 per square foot.

In addition to the retrofit, Quaglino said a glass store front will be added along the Court Street side of the facility. There are also plans to renovate the interior of the building. No decision has been made on what businesses will be brought into the new facility.

City economic development manager Claire Clark said a retrofit can take three months to one year to complete and cost \$100 to \$200 per square foot.

The retrofits stem from a 1997 city ordinance that required 126 buildings in San Luis Obispo to become earthquake compliant by 2017. These buildings, usually made from brick, were built at the beginning of the 20th century before building codes required the addition of steel to the masonry of all new structures.

After the San Simeon earthquake in 2003, City Council pushed the deadline forward to July 1, 2010 for most buildings. Currently, 69 buildings in San Luis Obispo, including Frog & Peach Pub located at 728 Higuera St. and Koberl at Blue restaurant at 998 Monterey St., still need to be retrofitted.

## Health

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study found that 40 percent of college graduates spend the first year after graduation without health insurance, an increase of 18 percent over the past four years. This makes them one of the fastest-growing segments of the uninsured.

"There are lots and lots of people who sort of get caught in this gap," said Beaufort Longest, professor of health policy and management at Pitt's Graduate School of Public Health.

According to Longest, an incident such as a car accident can be financially devastating for someone without insurance and is a cost that can essentially be prevented if young people take advantage of the lower insurance premiums that are offered to them.

Andrew Hauskins, a representative for the Web site www.healthegrad.com, said that most college students underestimate emergency room costs. Healthegrad.com provides short-term medical insurance to people who are transitioning between life stages. Hauskins said that most of the inquiries he receives are from parents, not students.

According to data provided by the Centers for Disease Control, 21 percent of men and 17 percent of women aged 18 to 24 went to the emergency room for an injury in 2002 and 2003, the largest percentage of any age group.

Hauskins said that short-term plans range from a \$250 deductible with a \$173 premium to a \$5,000 deductible with a \$54 premium. Most young people, Hauskins said, opt for the higher deductible.

The online application asks only seven to 10 health-related questions. Short-term carriers don't do an extensive background check, and Hauskins cautioned that there is a good reason for that.

Pre-existing conditions are not covered by short-term insurance, so someone with a condition such as asthma may want to look at long-term coverage. According to Hauskins, this can cost 35 to 40 percent more than short term.

Amelia Koehler, a 22-year-old Pitt student, knew that she had to find alternative coverage when she was dropped from her parent's plan after taking a year off from college.

Koehler has a liver virus that she contracted as a child and knew that her health insurance, which costs her parents \$200 a month, was invaluable.

To help out, she got a job at Starbucks where she qualified for medical benefits after working for two months. Now she is required to work 20 hours a week to maintain her coverage, but she was able to customize her benefits package for the best fit.

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## Assaults

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ogy freshman Linsey Stahowski said the flier made her feel slightly less comfortable on campus, adding that the description of the suspect was very vague.

"It could describe almost anyone," she said.

For all students who walk home after class, the University Police Escort Van Service has newly extended hours. The service runs from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. The van picks up students at Kennedy Library, the University Union and the Business building. It will drop students off anywhere on campus and up to a half mile off campus.

## Health

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"It's hard to say to yourself, 'I want to spend a couple hundred dollars a month that I might not use at all,'" Koehler said. "Knowing myself and my health history, that was something I knew I had to address."

For many, a full-time position doesn't guarantee coverage. According to data from the United States Census Bureau, the number of full-time employees without benefits has risen 2.3 percent in the past five years.

Still, Koehler said that she doesn't worry about finding coverage after graduation.

"I have Starbucks. Knowing that I have that option is a really nice safety net for me," she said. "I really feel that if you ask employers and really shop around, you will find a job and weigh the benefits about what's the real total sum of what you'll be provided by that job."

Carrie Dorko, a receptionist at optometrist Rohnda Laughins' office in Greensburg, Pa., can also attest that recent graduates should learn how the health care system works.

"It's a game," she said. "And the person who plays it better wins."

After dealing with insurance companies daily during her job, she said that people who don't fully understand their health care coverage can end up paying for more than they planned.

This is the position that Wengrzyn found herself in when she took her first job at Lanier Worldwide Corporations because she was offered a benefits package. She didn't fully understand that she was responsible for 10 percent of her medical expenses and found herself paying off \$3,000 worth of bills while she had health insurance.

"I was responsible for 10 percent. When I was filling out my benefits papers, I didn't really know what that meant," Wengrzyn said. "I had no idea that it would turn out like it did."

Many young people don't feel a need to bother with health insurance, Katherine Lee, individual health specialist for Aetna Health Care Benefits Company, said. They are deterred because they don't have much money to begin with and are generally healthy.

"It's incredibly important," Lee said. "You might not have a disease or a condition that you would have when you're 60, but you could go out and break your leg while you're skiing over the weekend."

## Stenner

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The fire department arrived at the scene two to three minutes after the call was placed, said John Callahan, San Luis Obispo City Fire Chief. Initially, one fire truck was sent to the residences in response to the alarm. However, five additional trucks soon followed once a fire was confirmed.

When the fire units arrived, flames were billowing out of a first floor window and reaching the second and third floor windows above, authorities said.

The fire crew maneuvered to the site of the blaze through the walkways and was able to gain access to the flames through the back of the building 16 minutes following emergency dispatch. After 15 minutes, the fire was controlled, though firefighters stayed on the scene for another four hours for further investigations.

Callahan reported that the fire damaged all three floors of building eight, none of which were equipped with emergency sprinklers. Minor damages occurred on the second and third floors, while the first was a "complete burnout," Callahan said. The damage will cost nearly \$50,000, while the Jan. 8 fire was estimated at \$10,000.

It is not yet known whether Monday night's blaze had any connection to the fire that occurred on Tuesday evening. However, on Wednesday, officials reported that the cause of the second blaze was



BRENNAN ANGEL MUSTANG DAILY

The second fire was extinguished in 15 minutes, but cost Stenner Glen about \$50,000 in damages.

due to a construction light on the premises.

All residents of Stenner Glen, except those living in building eight, were able to return to their suites shortly after the fire was extinguished. Of the approximate 600 tenants, the 48 students that occupy the damaged building were placed elsewhere until further notice. Of those who were displaced, 18 were temporarily housed in other residences within Stenner Glen and 30 with arrangements made by the American Red Cross Disaster Services.

Residents of the housing com-

munity, roughly half of which are freshmen college students, expressed confusion and worry after learning of a second fire in the same location.

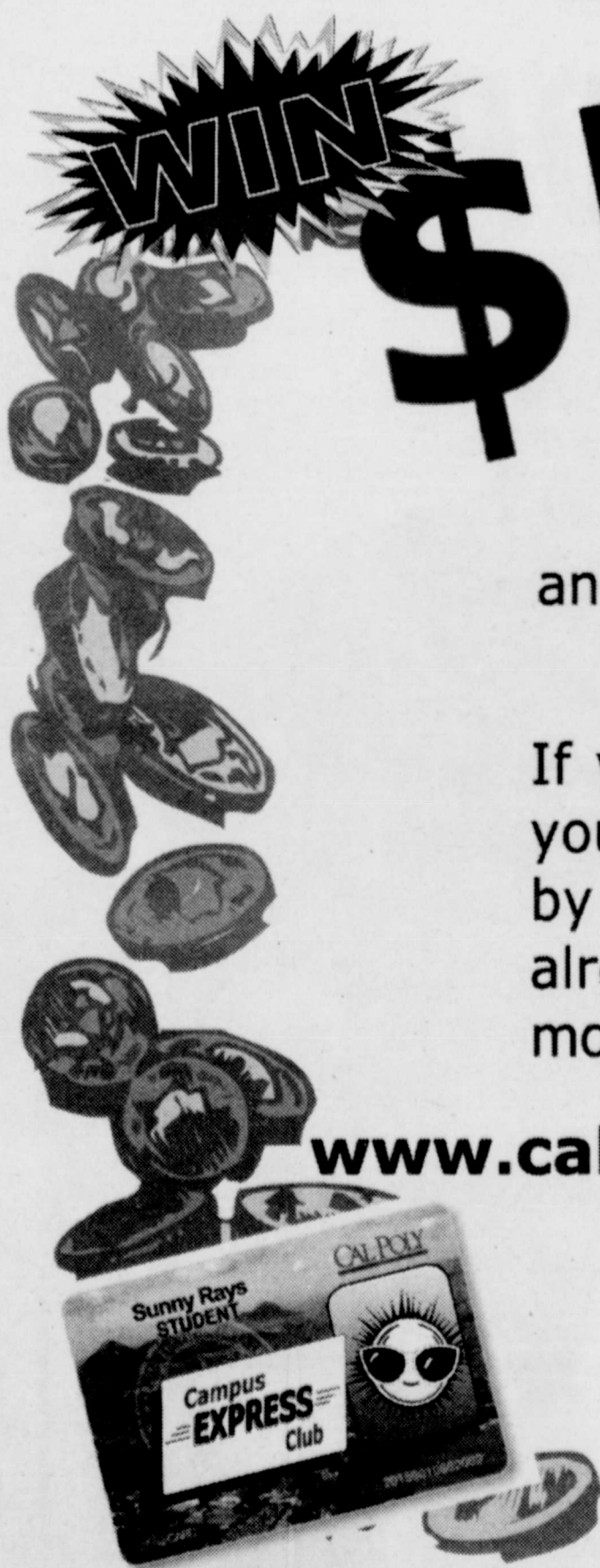
"I am concerned with my safety here at Stenner Glen. The important issues regarding the fire were addressed irresponsibly," said Kelsey Rice, an agricultural communications freshman and resident of building eight.

Stenner Glen administration sent out an informative e-mail Tuesday morning to all residents, briefly describing the fire on Monday night and precautions to take within the residences.

However, residents felt that a more proactive approach was necessary.

"(We) were given no direct communication other than an e-mail," Rice said. "I would have liked to see a meeting to address the fire."

The fire Monday night was started by a mattress that caught fire, causing approximately \$10,000 in damage, according to a city fire department press release. An e-mail sent out by the Stenner Glen property manager Tim Kershner stated that the batteries had been removed from the smoke detector and warned against these actions.



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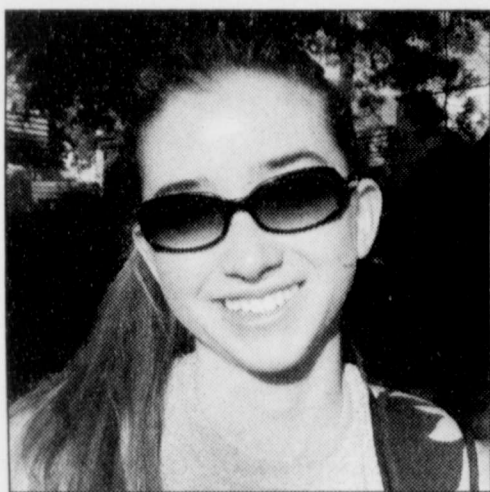
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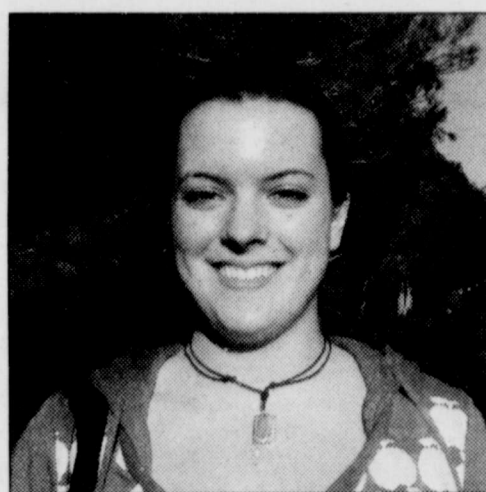
"Yes, because it can affect the things you want to do. It's hard to go to the gym or work at night."

-Katie Grady  
animal science  
freshman



"No, I've been here for five years and I feel it's pretty safe."

-Jenay Reynolds  
English  
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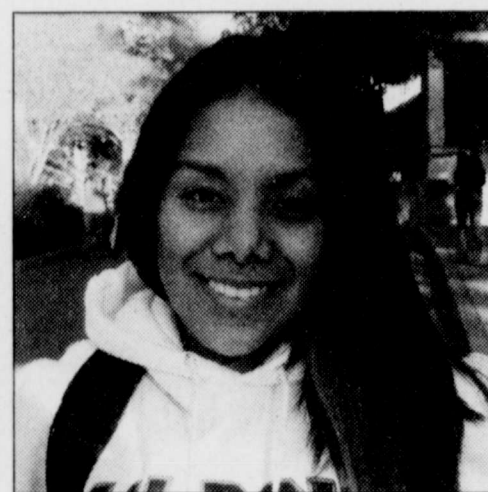
"Yeah, I'm pretty scared about that. It's probably one of my biggest fears."

-Gloria Chase  
business  
freshman



"I always try to be safe; I usually find someone to walk home with at night or I take the bus."

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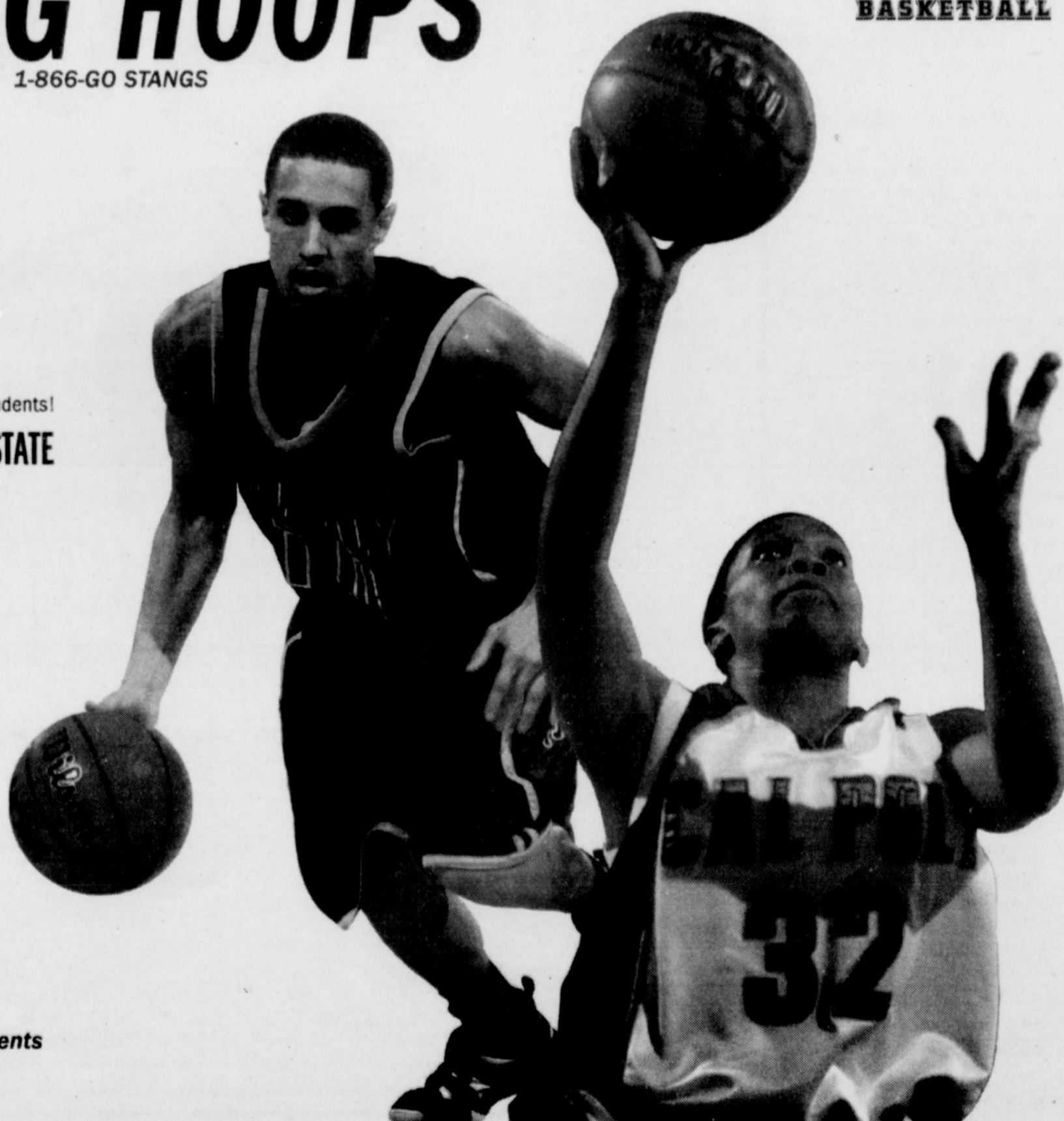
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# Bush sending 21,500 more troops to Iraq, setting up clash with Democratic Congress

Terence Hunt  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush acknowledged for the first time Wednesday that he erred by not ordering a military buildup in Iraq last year and said he was increasing U.S. troops by 21,500 to quell the country's near-anarchy. "Where mistakes have been made, the responsibility rests with me," Bush said.

The buildup puts Bush on a collision course with the new Democratic Congress and pushes the American troop presence in Iraq toward its highest level. It also runs counter to widespread anti-war passions among Americans and the advice of some top generals.

In a prime-time address to the nation, Bush pushed back against the Democrats' calls to end the unpopular war. He said that "to step back now would force a collapse of the Iraqi government, tear that country apart and result in mass killings on an unimaginable scale."

"If we increase our support at this crucial moment and help the Iraqis break the current cycle of violence, we can hasten the day our troops begin coming home," Bush said. But he braced Americans to expect more U.S. casualties for now and did not specify how long the additional troops would stay.

In addition to extra U.S. forces, the plan envisions Iraq's committing 10,000 to 12,000 more troops to secure Baghdad's neighborhoods — and taking the lead in military operations.

Even before Bush's address, the new Democratic leaders of Congress emphasized their opposition to a buildup. "This is the third time we are going down this path. Two times this has not worked," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said after meeting with the president. "Why are they doing this now? That question remains."

There was criticism from Republicans, as well. "This is a dangerously wrongheaded strategy that will drive America deeper into an unwinnable swamp at a great cost," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., a Vietnam veteran and potential GOP presidential candidate.

Senate and House Democrats are arranging votes urging the president not to send more troops. While lacking the force of law, the measures would compel Republicans to go on record as either bucking the president or supporting an escalation.

Usually loath to admit error, Bush said it also was a mistake to have allowed American forces to be restricted by the Iraqi government, which tried to prevent U.S. military operations against fighters controlled by the radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, a powerful political ally of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. The president said al-Maliki had assured him that from now on, "political or sectarian interference will not be tolerated."

After nearly four years of bloody combat, the speech was perhaps

Bush's last credible chance to try to present a winning strategy in Iraq and persuade Americans to change their minds about the unpopular war, which has cost the lives of more than 3,000 members of the U.S. military as well as more than \$400 billion.

As Bush spoke for 20 minutes from the unusual setting of the White House library, the sounds of protesters amassed outside the compound's gates occasionally filtered through.

Bush's approach amounts to a huge gamble on al-Maliki's willingness — and ability — to deliver

on promises he has consistently failed to keep: to disband Shiite militias, pursue national reconciliation and make good on commitments for Iraqi forces to handle security operations in Baghdad.

"Our past efforts to secure Baghdad failed for two principal reasons: There were not enough Iraqi and American troops to secure neighborhoods that had been cleared of terrorists and insurgents," the president said. "And there were too many restrictions on the troops we did have."

He said American commanders have reviewed the Iraqi plan "to

ensure that it addressed these mistakes."

With Americans overwhelmingly unhappy with his Iraq strategy, Bush said it was a legitimate question to ask why this strategy to secure Baghdad will succeed where other operations failed. "This time we will have the force levels we need to hold the areas that have been cleared," the president said.

While Bush put the onus on the Iraqis to meet their responsibilities and commit more troops, he did not threaten specific consequences if they do not. Iraq has missed previous self-imposed timetables for

taking over security responsibilities.

Bush, however, cited the government's latest optimistic estimate. "To establish its authority, the Iraqi government plans to take responsibility for security in all of Iraq's provinces by November," the president said.

Still, Bush said that "America's commitment is not open-ended. If the Iraqi government does not follow through on its promises, it will lose the support of the American people and it will lose the support

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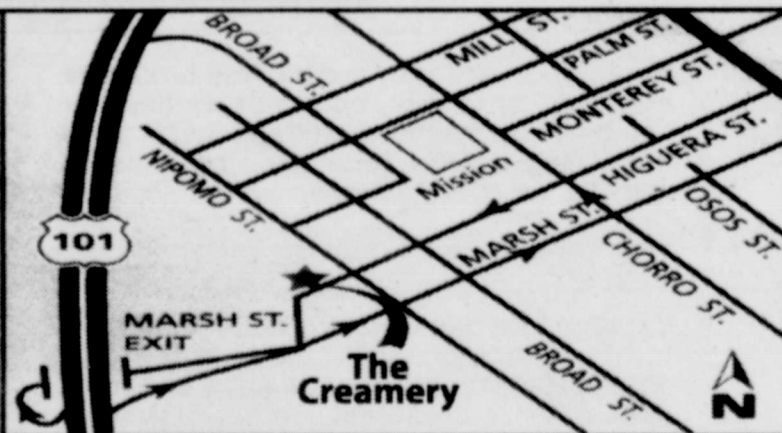
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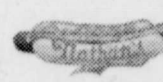
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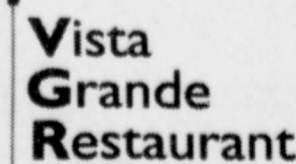
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# Networks slimming down the TV lineup

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Can't find your new favorite show? Well that's probably because it's been canceled or, as the networks would say, "on hiatus."

While the networks are a little less trigger-happy this season — canceling only seven shows compared to 12 by this point last year — it can still be frustrating trying to find that new addiction you developed in September.

Fresh off a ratings upswing, ABC seems to be refusing to give some of its new shows a chance to grow. They had a solid game plan in mind for dealing with reruns of their hit "Lost." All they had to do was make Taye Diggs relive the same episode for 11 weeks, and tell "Lost" fans that there would be a clip of "Lost" during the commercials.

No one bought it.

ABC promised us that after 11 weeks, everything would be resolved and we would only be left wondering why we committed 11 hours of our lives to a mediocre "Fugitive" rip-off. Fortunately for those who get sucked into TV shows far too easily, they only had to spend four hours watching Diggs run around and look confused. As a courtesy, ABC put the rest of the episodes online.

"Lost" seems to have the touch of death: Not only could "Daybreak" not live up to the ratings, but yet another new series, "The Nine," was canceled for not being able to hold onto enough "Lost" viewers.

ABC tried to keep viewers tuning into "The Nine" by promising that they'd find out what happened in the bank. But it seems that people didn't really care what went on in the bank, or what happened after they got out of the bank, or what they did before they went into the bank. For anyone who did care, just assume that the guy from "Wings" or the guy from "Party of Five" did something wrong.

So far that's two serialized dramas canceled. There are two more, and they're both about people getting kidnapped. The first one, NBC's aptly named "Kidnapped," premiered to less-than-stellar numbers, and things didn't go well from there.

After a handful of airings, "Kidnapped" was moved from its original 10 p.m. Wednesday timeslot to the dead of Saturday night. The move was short-lived, but the good news is that you can catch all 13 episodes online.

The story is much the same for Fox's missing-persons drama, "Vanished." The only differences between this one and "Kidnapped" were that "Vanished" killed the main character off in an attempt to get people's attentions, and the show was moved to the purgatory of Friday night instead of the hell that is Saturday night.

The most shocking cancellation of the season was CBS's new heist drama, "Smith." With a cast that included movie stars Ray Liotta, Virginia Madsen and Amy Smart, the show seemed to be a surefire hit, or one that would at least make it through one season. This just further proves the point that TV viewers don't care about banks, even if they're getting robbed.



COURTESY PHOTO

ABC stopped airing "Daybreak," starring Taye Diggs, after just four episodes due to low ratings.

Not only were high-profile drama actors ignored by TV viewers, but comedy veterans didn't fare well either. John Lithgow ("3rd Rock from the Sun") and Jeffrey Tambor ("Arrested Development") couldn't keep "Twenty Good Years" on the air for more than four episodes, and Ted Danson ("Cheers") found himself seriously contemplating a "Cheers" reunion after "Help Me Help You" was yanked from the schedule.

"3 Lbs." gets the award for being the show that was canceled most quickly. After three airings, CBS threw the brain surgery show away, ensuring that no one would get addicted.

Fox didn't extend the same courtesy to "Happy Hour," however. This unfunny sitcom with terrible dialogue, barely-there characters and a cheesy plot lasted about a month too long. Even in cancellation Fox had malicious intentions: They programmed two episodes of the equally awful Brad Garrett debacle "Til Death" in its place.

While no official word has come out on "Six Degrees" or "Justice," things aren't looking good for either show. "Six Degrees" comes from J.J. Abrams ("Alias," "Lost") and stars

that girl from "Swimfan" and one of the bar-dancing girls from "Coyote Ugly." All that talent on screen still wasn't enough to keep the "Grey's Anatomy" audience around. With low ratings and "Men in Trees" filling its timeslot, it would take a miracle to get it back on the air.

Fox's "Justice" hasn't been officially canceled, but after moving from timeslot to timeslot and finding fewer and fewer viewers, it seems unlikely the show will return in the new year.

"Justice" was one of the first shows to successfully switch up the typical procedural formula, by having the lawyers defend someone and not know her guilt until the end of the episode. All the timeslot switching most likely led to viewer erosion, because this is one of the few shows that deserves to stick around.

So what have we all learned from this television season?

Don't associate a show too closely with "Lost," nothing interesting ever happens at banks, big names mean nothing and if you must get attached to a serialized drama, you'd better have high-speed Internet because you'll be watching the episodes online.

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Pianist W. Terrence Spiller, chair of Cal Poly's music department, will give a benefit recital of piano works at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, in the Spanos Theatre at Cal Poly.

Tickets to the recital are \$6 for students and \$10 for the public. They are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

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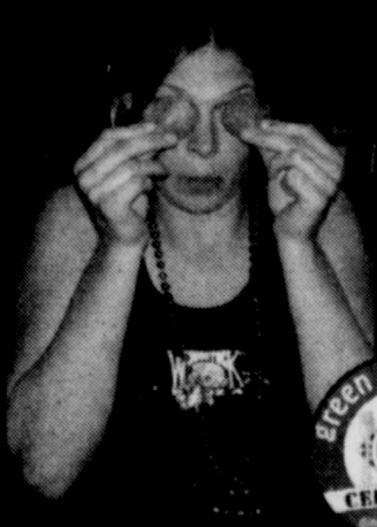
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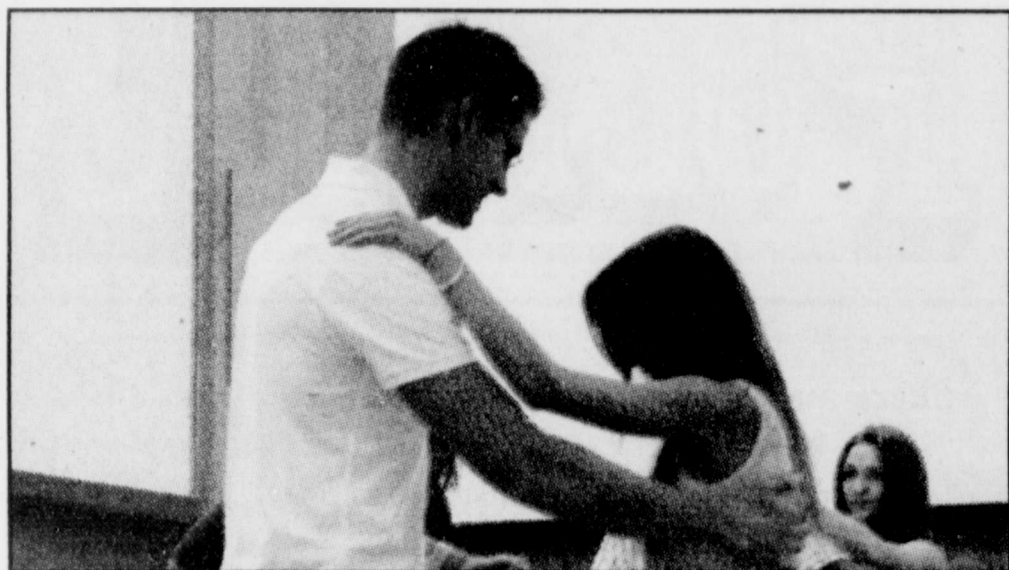
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The Cal Poly Jazz Band No. 1 will perform a two and half hour set accompanied by free swing lessons Friday, Jan. 12 from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

## Cal Poly University Jazz Band gets into the swing of things

Janelle Eastridge

MUSTANG DAILY

Duke Ellington, one of the great jazz musicians, once wrote in a song with the same title, "It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing." If his words still ring true, then the Central Coast is in for a treat.

This Friday, jazz-lovers and dance-enthusiasts alike will find their match as Cal Poly's University Jazz Band No. 1 holds a dance featuring swing-era music from 8 to 10:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

The dance, which is part of a series of swing dance concerts, is open to the public. For the past five years or so, the jazz band has been performing in this capacity as opposed to merely performing in traditional concerts.

"I thought it'd be fun to do a dance — Duke Ellington, Count Basie, all the greats from the past, did dances," said jazz band director Paul Rinzler. "It has great educational value as well. The students have to learn and be able to play a lot of music, as well as the standard repertoire. And it's a fun thing for them to do."

Whereas the standard concert for a university band lasts about 30 min-

utes, the concert Friday night will require the performers to play a two-and-a-half hour set. Music by Count Basie, Tito Puente, Duke Ellington and many others will be played.

And then there's the dancing.

Free swing dancing lessons will be offered at 7 p.m., and Krystal White, an instructor with Cal Poly's swing dance club, will teach those interested in the basics of swing dancing before hitting the floor.

Her hope is to give others a passion, or at least an appreciation, for dancing. "I love to dance and I love music. My whole goal in doing this is to get others to love it, too," White said.

Admission to the dance is \$6 for students and \$9 for the general public.

The University Jazz Band will also be performing five additional times this quarter, including another swing dance March 2 and a concert Feb. 24 featuring Andy Martin, one of the most technically proficient trombonists today, according to Rinzler.

More information can be found at <http://music.calpoly.edu> or <http://jazzbands.calpoly.edu>, or by calling 756-5792.

## HBO's 'Big Love' makes waves

Amy Asman

MUSTANG DAILY

About a year ago, HBO started airing commercials for its next big family drama, "Big Love." The antithesis to the Sopranos version of family love, "Big Love" focuses on the inner workings of a modern-day polygamist family.

"Think having three wives is a dream come true?" taunts the show's tongue-in-cheek teaser. "Meet Bill Henrickson (Bill Paxton), a modern-day Utah polygamist who lives in suburban Salt Lake City with his three wives, seven children, and a mounting avalanche of debt and demands."

HBO's creative advertising team did a bang-up job of illustrating the daily pressures of a modern polygamist by launching a series of commercials in which viewers are given a quick lesson in the "fundamentals" of juggling.

Husband, father, businessman, and upright everyman Bill struggles to balance the financial and emotional needs of wives Barb, Nicki and Margene (Jeanne Tripplehorn, Chloë Sevigny and Ginnifer Goodwin), who live in separate, adjacent houses and take turns sharing their husband each night.

Such a task, argues the HBO series, is less like a sexual fantasy and more like a nightmarish responsibility. Along with sharing the beds of three beautiful women comes the considerable responsibility of being the sole provider for

three families, the father of seven children, and the owner of a chain of home improvement stores.

It is this complicated mix of home and family, sex and money that captivates audiences and draws them into the Henricksons' lives.

And then there's that whole polygamy thing, too.

The show, which currently re-

charges of arranging marriages between underage girls and older men, and other charges that he was an accessory to rape. Jeffs was recently arrested during a routine traffic stop in Las Vegas, NV.

So enters "Big Love" onto the mainstream stage; the fantastical vision of two up-and-coming writer/producers Mark V. Olsen and Will Scheffer, that has already received heated scorn from members of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, as well as some modest praise from pro-polygamist organizations such as "Principle Voices."

The Mormon Church, which outlawed polygamy in 1890, complains that the show casts an unfavorable light on its religion and perpetuates stereotypical links between Mormonism and the practice of polygamy.

And while there may be certain aspects about "Big Love" that mirror the Mormon Church, the show actually says more about today's society and HBO's programming than Joseph Smith and his followers. Coming from a network that is known — by both the public and the industry — for producing edgy, taboo material, "Big Love" seems almost like the next logical piece to the puzzle (which includes media and critical darlings such as "The Sopranos," "Sex and the City" and "OZ").

"You think you've seen it all, and then HBO comes up with a show about modern-day Polygamists," said "Big Love" star Tripplehorn in a recent interview promoting the show.

The stars aren't the only ones that have noticed HBO's infatuation with "edgy" material. In a recent New York Times article entitled "Big Love: Real Polygamists

Take a Look at HBO Polygamists and Find Sex," a group of former and current polygamists gathered to critique the show's pilot, only to find a whole bunch of sex.

"The women said 'Big Love' had too much skin and not enough religion or humor for their taste, (but) they agreed that it portrayed the Henricksons like any other American family, especially in an era of mixed marriages of all sorts, gay partnerships, single parents and serial



COURTESY PHOTO

HBO's new drama "Big Love" follows the life of Bill Henrickson, a businessman and polygamist with three wives and seven children trying to balance the demands of life.

airs Saturdays at 9:30 p.m. on HBO 2, also acts as a dramatized version of recent national events. In it, Bill must overcome the manipulative and treacherous dealings of the prophet Roman Grant (the soft-spoken, steely leader of Cedar Creek, a fundamentalist compound in rural Utah, whose number of corrupt business dealings is equal only to the number of wives he has).

The character of Roman, as played to perfection by acting veteran Harry Dean Stanton, echoes real-life leader and self-proclaimed prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, Warren Jeffs.

According to articles printed by The New York Times, Jeffs faces

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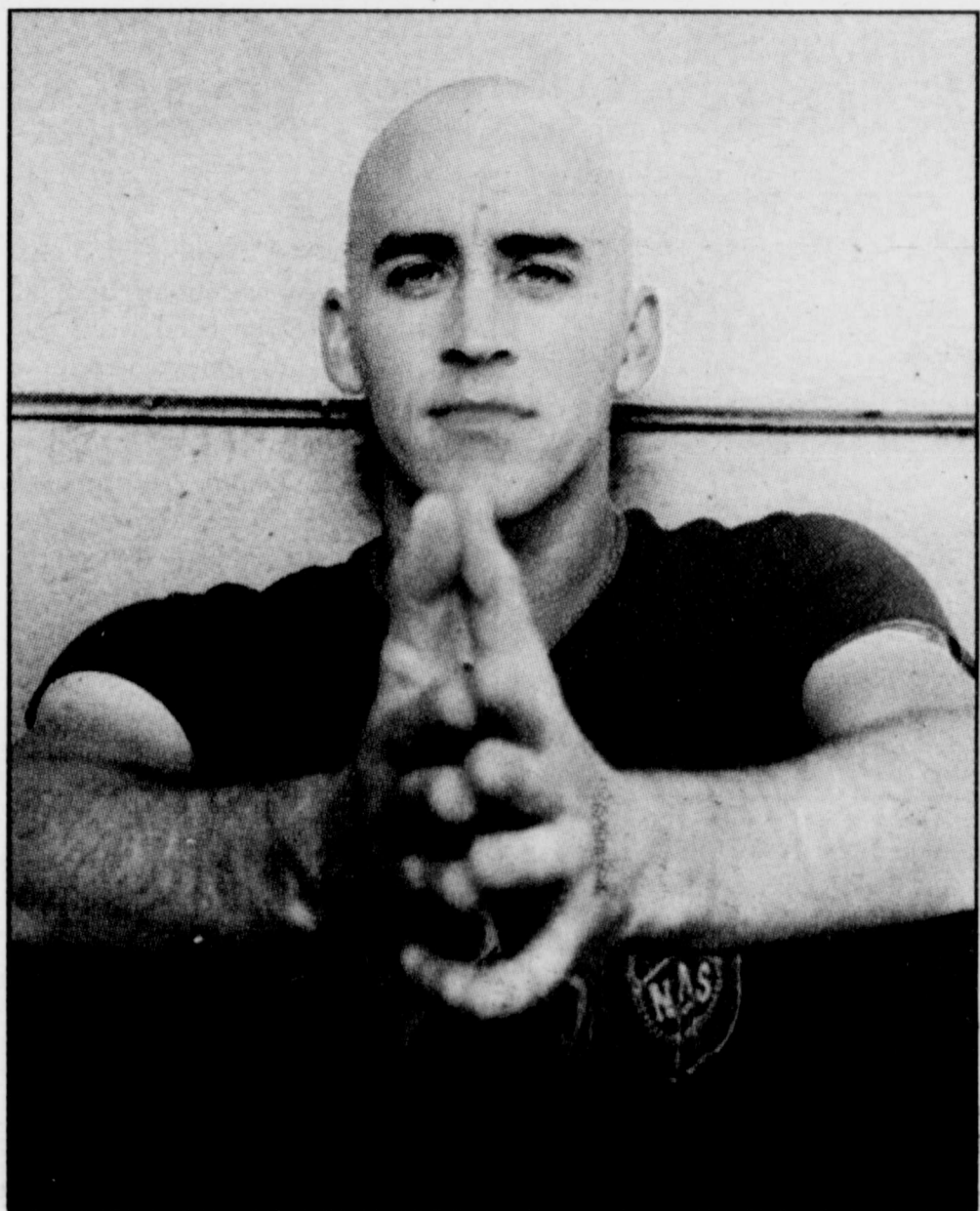
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## Soulful musician Tyrone Wells comes to Cal Poly



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A native of Spokane, Wash., Tyrone Wells brings a mixture of soul, rock and pop to UU Hour today at 11 a.m. in the University Union Plaza.

Taylor Moore  
MUSTANG DAILY

Up-and-coming singer and songwriter Tyrone Wells will perform music from his new album "Hold On" today during UU Hour, continuing his nationwide tour.

With a sound that Scott Warren, a member of his management team, calls "a mix between Jack Johnson and Lenny Kravitz," Wells has experienced increasing success as a musician, gaining popularity through live performances and plays on the radio.

The son of a preacher, Wells grew up in Spokane, Wash., where he was exposed to gospel music. From those gospel roots, he later incorporated soul, rock and pop to create a new, unique sound. "I've always been inspired by Stevie Wonder and James Taylor," said Wells in an e-mail interview. With this, and his fresh, soulful voice and moving lyrics,

Wells is the artist to watch out for.

Among his achievements are sold-out performances in The House of Blues and El Rey Theatre in Los Angeles, as well as having his songs featured on popular TV shows like "One Tree Hill," "North Shore" and "Numb3rs."

Wells' tour is expected to end in March but may be extended due to his current push of songs on the radio and good response from listeners across the nation.

With this success, Wells has proven his talent and will carry on producing new music. "My hopes are to continue to create honest and passionate music that inspires people," said Wells.

Download his most popular songs "Dream Like New York" and "What Are We Fighting For?" to introduce yourself to this gifted artist.

UU Hour is from 11 a.m. to noon Thursdays in the University Union Plaza.

## Love

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monogamy."

While the show does take a leap into the unknown by portraying a polygamist family, it fails to emphasize certain key elements over others. For example, one woman interviewed in the article said that "Big Love" failed to explain how religion plays such a huge part in a woman deciding to share her husband with two other women. The show didn't, however, forget to show lots and lots of steamy — albeit unnecessary — sex scenes between Bill and his three equally gorgeous wives (which raises the time-old question of whether or not HBO shows sex just because it can, as opposed to its basic cable counterparts).

And for all the risks HBO appears to be taking with "Big Love" it seems as if all the taboo things that do happen don't directly involve the Henrickson clan: Bill doesn't seduce any child brides, domestic violence is non-existent, and even the wives' bickering is somewhat tame. It's as if the Henricksons sit stoically in the eye of the storm watching all the woes and ills of polygamy swirl tumultuously around their happy home.

Since its debut, the show has only grazed the emotional and reli-

gious surface when it comes to why first wife Barb allowed her husband to marry a second, and then a third wife. However, the reasons seem to be more financial than religious: Bill may or may not have agreed to marry the Prophet's daughter Nicki in exchange for a loan in order to pay for cancer-stricken Barb's chemo therapy.

Still, the mix of shady business transactions and Viagra-induced sex scenes speak volumes about what HBO thinks about its audience: Meet the Henricksons — an attractive, white, upper-middle class family trying to come to terms with its beleaguered past while combating financial and emotional extortion from the ultra-conservative Religious Right. Throw in some teen angst and a party scene straight out of Fox's "The OC" and HBO has itself a demographic-transcending hit.

The trials and tribulations of each of the Henricksons' many generations connect to any and all possible demographics. For example, men ages 18-49 will tune in to watch Bill battle blackmail and impotence; women ages 18-49 will tune in to watch Barb, Nicki, or Margene manage their hectic lives while learning to love each other; tweens and teens will tune in to sympathize with the pubescent Henrickson children; and the older demographic will tune in to watch

Bill's wily parents Frank and Lois duke it out on the compound.

Then there's the show's general sense of ambiguity toward religion, which is perhaps its greatest strength, and, yet, its greatest weakness. The fact that "Big Love's" characters have yet to establish a firm religious stance is appealing for both the audience and the executives at HBO. As a result, viewers don't feel alienated by the characters' religious affiliation, and executives don't have to fully answer to the Mormon Church for linking the Church with Polygamy.

But it is this lack of religious conviction that could turn out to be "Big Love's" Achilles tendon. While most of the show's characters are superbly acted, the script has yet to develop any deep, thought-provoking reflections regarding faith and its connection to family (polygamist or not). This lack of religious and/or spiritual conviction can be seen especially in the character of Bill, whose husbandly speeches often fall flat.

Still, one could hope that the show's creators are simply giving their characters, and messages, a starting point to grow from. Perhaps the WASP-ish audiences emulated by the Mormon-ish Henricksons need time to acclimate to the possibility of finding God is a show about polygamy.

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## DATING COLUMN

# Avoid a mucky start to the New Year

Welcome back, everyone. Hope your three weeks of break were revitalizing and relaxing and other restorative R-adjactives.

New year, new quarter — fresh start. Right?

When the New Year holiday rolls around, emotional propensities may take us in one of two directions: the nostalgic trek back over the last 364 days and previous years, or the refreshing, exciting look forward into the opportunities of tomorrow.

Looking ahead, the future always remains a little hazy, no matter how well we plan each step and each detail, like good college students.

Looking back, each year becomes progressively blurrier as it passes. I have trouble remembering last quarter, much less the entire last year. Time seems to elapse more and more quickly as I get older, and consequently, yesterday becomes more and more difficult to recall.

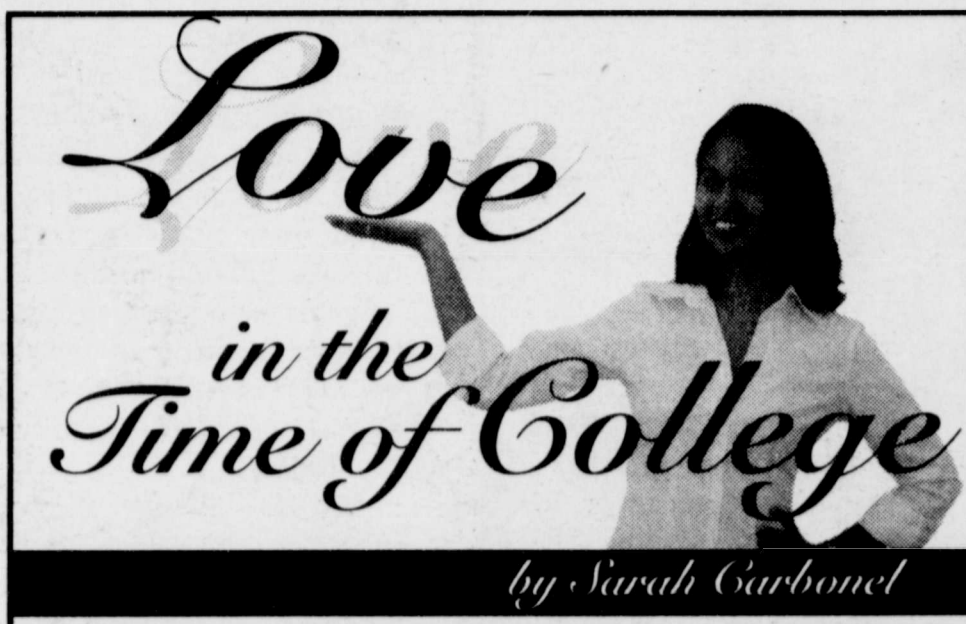
However, this is not always the case with relationships. The past doesn't always slip so easily from memory.

Call it what you will: experience, track record, case history. When it comes to personal romantic histories, people either evade all questions at all costs, or won't shut up about it.

There's a third, classic hybrid: the friend who says he or she "doesn't like to talk about it," but once it's brought up, spills the entire thing out on the table without warning, starting with kindergarten puppy love and ending with "that one dude/chick from that one party last week."

Two-and-a-half hours later, restaurant management is giving you the evil eye from amidst a sea of upturned chair legs — and, oblivious, still your friend blathers on.

Clearly, the ghost that is the romantic past doesn't simply slide away into oblivion. It takes concerted effort to really forget a love gone



awry (and if you actively have to try, how successfully did you really forget?).

Even so, the fact of its existence cannot be denied; and neither can we ignore the fact of the past's influence on the romantic present.

If only we could recall just the happy times. But it's the painful memories that make a more lasting

remember how it felt because it involved another human being; we remember the person because it was with him or her that we felt that way. The link between individual and emotion makes past relationships nearly inextricable in our memories.

However, there's fond remembering, there are bittersweet recol-

**If you can distance yourself enough from the emotional turmoil you once felt, you can try to look at things from a more objective stance.**

impression — in the form of an emotional and psychological scar. Try as we might to let it all go, the memories don't erase themselves, even if we really are "over it."

And this applies to everyone, current relationship status aside. Maybe you've had 12 exes; maybe you've had just one great love; maybe you've been looking and looking and haven't found any candidates yet; maybe you know who you want but nothing has come of it.

Regardless, the human need for relationships compels us toward this kind of emotional awareness. We

lections — and then there's dwelling. As in, slogging about in the thick, oozing, convoluted muck that is the stuff of relationships past.

And that's no fun for you. It's no fun for your friends. And it certainly isn't fun for the bartender.

We understand if you just went through something tough. We know there are some traumatic events that literally will never go away, and that's OK.

But there are lesser incidences of having been wronged in love, and wallowing in them won't garner sympathy for very long. Sooner or later, everyone will start telling you

to get over it.

We have any number of clichés telling us how we should treat the past. On the one hand we're told that we need to know where we've been to know where we're going. On the other hand, we're told to leave it all behind. My personal favorite on Clichesite.com: "You can't put the toothpaste back in the tube." (If you live with roommates, please don't try, for their sakes.)

With relationships and with life, it's a mistake to think that the past utterly dictates your future.

Certainly, it has shaped your current perceptions of the world and of relationships; but instead of slogging about in said muck, you could be much more productive with it — by learning from what did and didn't work.

It might take a while to drain it of the emotional intensity with which you once treated it. But once you've gotten through the wading, you can start the refinement process. If you can distance yourself enough from the emotional turmoil you once felt, you can try to look at things from a more objective stance.

With effort, you'll be able to see, and more importantly, understand why things happened the way they did. From there, you can make adjustments accordingly. (Come on, guys. We're in college now. That's how learning works. If it works in class, why not try it with relationships?)

The American writer Edna Ferber wrote: "Living the past is a dull and lonely business; looking back strains the neck muscles, causing you to bump into people not going your way."

Wipe off your shoes and leave the muck behind, and take with you instead some new, self-refined insight. If you're looking forward, you might just meet someone along the way.

Sarah Carbonel is an English and psychology junior and Mustang Daily dating columnist.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Eller lacks perspective on reasons for homelessness

Brian Eller,

Your level of ignorance only pales in comparison to your selfishness. The vast majority of homeless are mentally ill. They are afflicted with disorders that require medical care, medication and often hospitalization. They aren't capable of "getting a job."

The homeless are on the streets because they have nowhere else to go. It's the end of the road for them. It's not a rational choice. No sane person would want to live on the streets; it's part of their disorder.

Then you have the

alcoholic/addict homeless person. Many of them are mentally ill too and chose substance abuse to self-medicate. Also, you are probably unaware that alcoholism is a disease. It's a physical allergy of the body and an obsession of the mind — an alcoholic can't stop drinking once they start and they consume more than the average person.

Once in the advanced stages of alcoholism, there is the physical addition where alcohol becomes necessary to function. The obsession of the mind is the belief that the alcoholic can drink like a normal person. The belief that "this time will be different." Or stated another way, the insanity of doing the same thing (drinking) and expecting different results.

Telling the homeless to get a job is like telling a snot-nosed 21-year-old college junior to go to Iraq and win the "war." And oh yeah, while you're over there trying to create

peace, try to get killed.

You have no idea what it's like to be an alcoholic, mentally ill, or homeless. Your comments illustrate your lack of life experience. No doubt you and probably many of your family members suffer from some illness ... maybe cancer, heart disease, etc. Do you treat these people with the same disrespect?

I'm a 34-year-old combat veteran, alcoholic, and former homeless person. I'm back at Cal Poly because I want to better myself and get an education that will allow me to serve this community. The highest calling is service. You are in for a world of disappointment if all you want to do is take.

One last note for you: what makes you think you have any advice the world needs?

Ben Albracht  
Psychology junior

### Humiliating the homeless won't accomplish anything

Shameful — that is the only way to describe Mr. Eller's soulless ramblings about how he plans on helping the homeless. Yelling "Get a job!" from your car? How about offering them help or at least treating them like a human being.

Many of the homeless have mental disabilities that alienate them from the rest of the world. Humiliating them from the comfort of your car is a disgusting act of inhumanity that does not help the homeless in any way.

I hope Mr. Eller rethinks his approach to helping those in need in our community. No one should ever be shamed for a mental, physical or financial state that could be out of their control.

NO ONE.

Scott Layton  
Computer engineering sophomore



GUEST COMMENTARY

# Interning for U.S. history

“Go upstairs and take a picture of the Leader with Mohamed Karzai” was the command my boss gave me on my second day interning for former House Democratic Leader, Nancy Pelosi, who now is the first female speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mohamed Karzai is the president of Afghanistan. President Karzai wasn't the only foreign dignitary I got to take pictures of with Pelosi; there was also British Prime Minister Tony Blair and South African President Thabo Mbeki.

As the Leadership Press intern to Speaker Pelosi's communications director, I was exposed to world leaders and global media. Within a day, I watched Barbara Walters interview Pelosi, helped coordinate the speaker's Vanity Fair photo shoot, aided her Italian press photo op and assisted in press conferences broadcasted live around the world.

I appeared in a New York Times photo that depicted my office's press conference the day after Election Day which informally designated Nancy Pelosi as the new Speaker. I was seen on CNN, MSNBC and FOX News while I was helping my bosses set up the Democratic Leadership press conference.

A single day in Washington, D.C. is like a lifetime everywhere else.

On Election Day, I worked at the Democratic Congressional & Senatorial Campaign Committee's party at the Capitol Hyatt. At the Hyatt and throughout the country, there was a revolution and America's vote for change allowed Pelosi and the Democrats to make history.

A woman, a grandmother, a



JONAS KARLSSON VANITY FAIR

**Journalism senior Colin Rizzo interned for Nancy Pelosi fall quarter. On Election Day, he watched the Representative rise to Speaker of the House.**

Californian — Nancy Pelosi is two heartbeats away from the Oval Office. Never in American history has a female come so close to the presidency.

When President Clinton's former chief of staff — my professor for the fall semester — the honorable Leon Panetta took my fellow Panetta classmates and I into the West Wing, we were told by President Bush's chief of staff, Josh Bolton, that the White House experienced a “thumping” on Election Day. Mr. Bolton asked which one of us was interning for the woman that caused the thump. I raised my hand.

As a student intern in Washington, I learned how important it is to take action and to get involved. D.C.'s age

demographic — excluding politicians — is 25 years old. The world's most powerful city is run by kids a little older than you and me.

When I studied abroad in London and traveled through Europe last summer, I was exposed to the differences between Europe and America. When I lived in D.C. and traveled the Eastern seaboard, I was exposed to the differences between the East and West coasts. What bonds Europeans and bicoastal Americans is the need for change. It's the need to believe in our leaders again. It's the need to believe in our future again.

During my study at the Panetta Institute, a political researcher made a peculiar comment: the American democracy could be a failed experiment. And our generation could see America topple. We will pay off a historic debt from the Bush Administration. We will no longer be an economic superpower as long as China and India grow. We will live with the ramifications of global warming and the Iraq war. We'll inherit a different America.

But today is the future and change is possible. Speaker Pelosi's inauguration has opened up the 2008 presidential races for a woman, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and an African American, Sen.

Barack Obama, D-Ill., to run as top Democratic presidential contenders which will bring the last of the republic's old barriers to come tumbling down in one big, exciting race.

And it doesn't matter whether you are a Democrat or a Republican. We're still a young generation that's in the process of defining itself. Nothing else matters except sitting down every day and trying. Trying to gain a realistic perspective on life; trying to gain an authentic perspective on your own self; trying to make your contribution to humanity.

In the Capitol I met foreign dignitaries, American politicians and media superstars. But they were just people grinding out something they believed in.

What do you believe in? Pelosi didn't devote her life toward political celebrity. She devoted herself toward the advancement of human rights and the fight against AIDS.

If the world is looking for hope, the time for our generation to give them faith is now. Are you a born engineer? Were you put here to be a writer, a doctor, a businessman, a professor or a social worker? The question can only be answered by action.

We can do better than our parents and grandparents. We have a country to run, starting today.

Colin Rizzo is a journalism senior who served as the Leadership Press intern for Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Capitol Hill as Cal Poly President Warren Baker's appointee to the Leon & Sylvia Panetta Institute for Public Policy.

Colin is a former intern for the California State Assembly and for Gov. Schwarzenegger.

STAFF EDITORIAL

## Why downtown SLO should avoid the 'chain' reaction

The troops are under siege, huddled together for strength and drawn together by their similarities. Though each is very unique, they're all connected by one com-

monality: they're all from San Luis Obispo.

These troops belong to the 900 block of Higuera Street downtown — the block that contains Louisa's

Place, Mr. Absolute and H&G Clothing. It also contains Mo's Smokehouse BBQ, which is adjacent to McCarthy's Irish Pub. Both businesses will soon close their doors because of rising rent prices downtown.

Who can afford to rent space downtown if these two locals can't?

Well, let's look at who's moved into town recently: Pottery Barn, California Pizza Kitchen, Urban Outfitters and other chain stores.

And let's look at who's been renting downtown for a while: Ross, Barnes & Noble, Gap, Starbucks and other corporate chains.

Granted, there are the few locally-owned businesses that thrive like Bali's and Linnaea's; but when space goes up for rent, chains have a huge advantage over the little guys. They have deep pockets to afford overhead costs, advertising, salaries, and any other start-up expenses.

So when Mo's and McCarthy's go up for sale soon, the Downtown Association will be faced with a decision: to accept small businesses or toss in more chains. Their general trend has been the latter, but the Mustang

Daily strongly encourages them to go the other way.

When the Dalidio and Madonna shopping projects were proposed, opponents said they would detract from San Luis Obispo's downtown core, pulling consumers away and into big chain stores. So far, this has not collapsed the downtown economy and the area remains as vibrant as ever. But as more chain stores creep downtown, it'll be just like the shopping centers on the city's outskirts, just with more trees and a small-town feel.

San Luis Obispo has prided itself on the downtown blocks since its early days, so the city should do its part to keep the area as local as possible. If that means rent caps, helping out with the costs of earthquake retrofitting (which is partly to blame for the rent spike), or offering incentives to small business owners, they should do it. Otherwise, downtown San Luis Obispo will look like any other suburban shopping area. The city should stop the chain takeover and support its local businesses.

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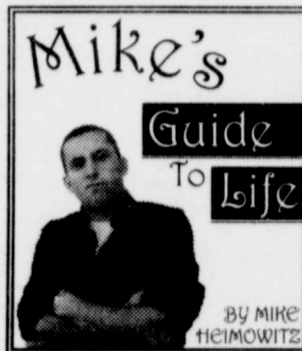
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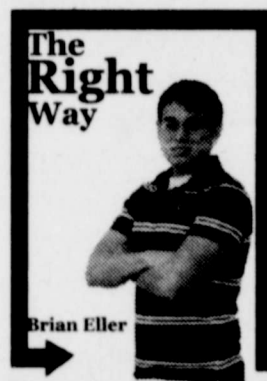
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# Ethiopian leader says U.S. airstrike targeted 20 high-level Islamic militants

Mohamed Olad Hassan

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Ethiopia's prime minister said Wednesday the U.S. military targeted 20 high-level members of an Islamic movement linked to al-Qaida in an airstrike this week in southern Somalia, attacking quickly before the Islamists could escape.

The chief of staff for the Somali president claimed that a senior al-Qaida figure was killed in Monday's airstrike, although U.S. officials did not confirm it.

The air assault has been criticized internationally, with the African Union, European Union and United Nations among those expressing concern. But British Prime Minister Tony Blair told lawmakers it was right to stand up to extremists who were using violence to "get their way" in Somalia.

Somali lawmaker Abdurashid Hidig said the U.S. launched a new airstrike Wednesday around Ras Kamboni, a rugged coastal area a few miles from the Kenyan border where Monday's attack took place. He cited the Somali military as the source of the information.

Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi told reporters in his country's capital, Addis Ababa, that eight suspected terrorists were killed in Monday's airstrike, five were wounded and taken into custody by Ethiopian forces, and seven escaped.

Meles said most of the victims were Somali, but the identities would not be confirmed until DNA testing is completed.

He said Ethiopia and the U.S. have been cooperating on intelligence, and that most of the information has come from the Americans. He also said the Ethiopians did not provide any intelligence that led to Monday's airstrike.

"I do not know how the Americans got the information, but they appeared to have some credible information," he said. "Apparently they felt if they did not strike quickly, the target would be missed."

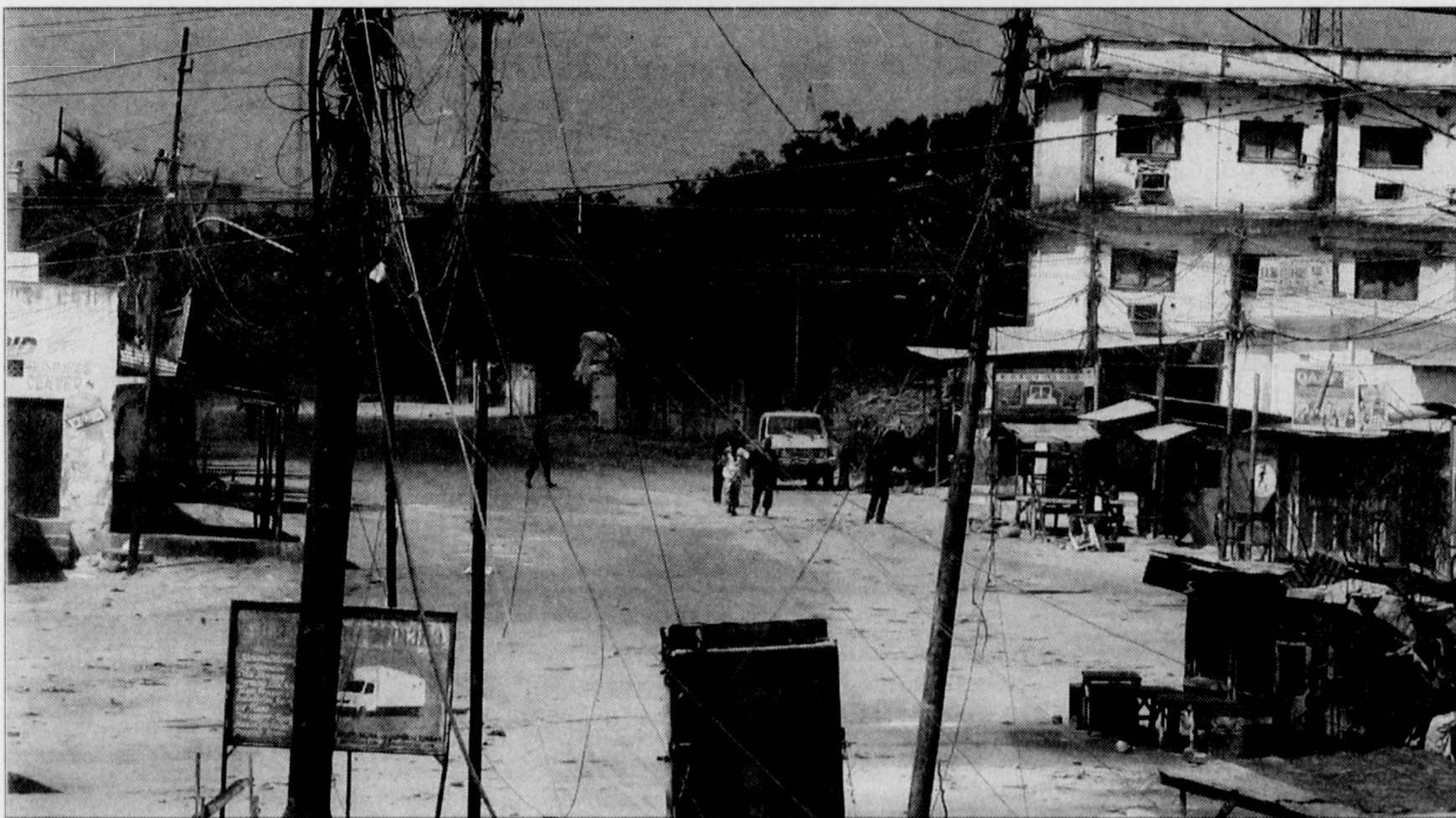
However, a U.S. military official based in the region said the Ethiopian military had provided the intelligence that led to the strike. "We acted on time-sensitive intelligence and made the strike in cooperation with the Ethiopians," said the U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity surrounding U.S. special operations missions.

In Washington, an intelligence official said the U.S. killed five to 10 people Monday in the attack on an al-Qaida target in southern Somalia. A Somali lawmaker said 31 civilians died Tuesday when helicopter gunships attacked suspected al-Qaida fighters in the south.

The U.S. military official said Tuesday's strike was probably carried out by Ethiopia since the aircraft were identified as Russian-made Hind helicopter gunships like those used by the Ethiopian military.

Abdirizak Hassan, the Somali president's chief of staff, said at least three U.S. airstrikes have been launched since Monday and that more were likely.

The al-Qaida suspect believed to



MOHAMED SHEIKH NOR ASSOCIATED PRESS

Troops walk in a deserted street Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, in Mogadishu, Somalia the morning after a rocket-propelled grenade was fired at Ethiopian troops, Tuesday night, in the south of the capital. The grenade missed the target and hit a house, injuring two civilians, Khadija Muhyadin, a local resident, said.

have been killed Monday was Fazul Abdullah Mohammed, who allegedly planned the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, Hassan said. He cited a U.S. intelligence report that was given to Somali authorities.

If confirmed, it would mean the end of an eight-year hunt for one of the FBI's most-wanted terrorists. Fazul was believed to have been harbored by the Somali Islamic movement that had challenged the country's Ethiopian-backed government for power.

In Washington, U.S. government officials said they had no reason to believe that Fazul had been killed. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of the information's sensitivity.

Fazul, 32, joined al-Qaida in Afghanistan and trained with Osama bin Laden, according to FBI documents. The U.S. put a \$5 million bounty on his head for allegedly planning the embassy bombings, which killed 225 people.

This week's air attacks were the first U.S. offensive in Somalia since 18 American soldiers were killed here in 1993. The military's aim is to capture al-Qaida members thought to be fleeing advancing Ethiopian-backed Somali troops.

Somalia's Deputy Prime Minister Hussein Aided said Wednesday that U.S. special forces were needed on the ground to help Somali and Ethiopian troops capture Muslim extremists. "They have the know-how and the right equipment to capture these people," said Aided, a former U.S. Marine.

A senior Somali government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information, said a small U.S. operations team already was on the ground, providing military advice to Ethiopian and government forces.

In Washington, two senior Pentagon officials said Wednesday they had heard of no plans to put any sizable contingent of American

ground troops in Somalia. Small teams of liaison officers — such as special forces advisers or trainers — were another matter, they said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on the subject.

U.S. troops based in Djibouti have been training Ethiopian soldiers for years, mostly in small-unit tactics and border security. Ethiopia has the largest military and is America's closest ally in the region.

Meles said the success of the Ethiopian military intervention may have paved the way for the American airstrikes.

"No one expected the terrorists would be running around in groups of five or six without any protection," Meles said.

In the Somali capital, Mogadishu, some said the U.S. air attacks would increase anti-American sentiment in the largely Muslim country, where people are already upset by the presence of troops from Ethiopia, which has a large Christian population.

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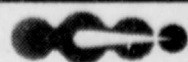
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## Briefs

### State

**SANTA ANA (AP)** — Superior Courts in Orange and Los Angeles counties are ending an informal policy allowing police agencies to protect confidential sources by withholding portions of search warrant requests.

The move comes in response to a 4th District Court of Appeal opinion saying courts must retain those affidavits under seal. The appellate court reversed the drug conviction of a man whose search affidavit was lost by Buena Park police.

Some police agencies and prosecutors want to safeguard informant identities in court documents, fearing they could accidentally become public, but the Dec. 28 appellate opinion forbids that.

**SACRAMENTO (AP)** — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger released a tight-fisted spending plan on Wednesday that he said would eliminate the state's operating deficit for the first time in nearly a decade.

It also would clear the way for California to afford another round of massive borrowing for public works projects.

The governor's \$143.4 billion budget would limit general fund spending increases to less than 1 percent in the 2007-08 fiscal year, the smallest such increase in five years.

It also would put the state on track to pay off early the billions in borrowing voters approved in 2003 to bail out the state after the dot-com crash. The bonds would be paid off in 2009, 14 years ahead of schedule.

**RIVERBANK (AP)** — School administrators in Riverbank have banned clothing featuring the name of Mac Dre, a slain rapper who glorified drug use in his music, education officials said.

Riverbank Unified School District board members voted unanimously Tuesday to add the Sacramento-based rapper to a list of names and labels banned at the district's only high school. Dre was gunned down in Kansas City, Mo., in 2004 and popularized the slang term "to thizz" to describe being high on ecstasy.

### National

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The federal government should join the state of Massachusetts in enacting universal health coverage, said Sen. Edward Kennedy, the new chairman of the Senate committee with jurisdiction over numerous health issues. Kennedy's home state is the first to require everyone to have health insurance, just as drivers must have automobile coverage.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Tackling a top priority, House Democrats pushed a \$2.10 an hour increase in the federal minimum wage toward passage Wednesday, calling it only a partial restoration of purchasing power for America's lowest-paid workers. As their second bill since taking control of Congress, the Democratic-written legislation would raise the federal wage floor from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour in three steps over 26 months. The federal wage hasn't budged for 10 years.

**HONOLULU (AP)** — Waikiki's ongoing revitalization projects and Hawaii's unique culture will be the focus of this year's \$8 million state marketing plan to attract Japanese visitors to the islands.

The campaign is aimed at reversing a downward trend in Japanese visitor arrivals, which declined by 9 percent for the first 11 months of 2006. It will attempt to target more older, savvy travelers who already may have visited Hawaii at least once.

Tourism officials said they want to show that Hawaii is constantly evolving beyond just having beautiful beaches, and not an unchanging place with only limited appeal.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Donald Trump has called Barbara Walters a liar and Rosie O'Donnell a loser. On Wednesday, they both fired back.

"Well, he's at it again," said O'Donnell, referring to a letter written to her by Trump and reported Tuesday by the media. The letter said Walters had told him that working with O'Donnell on ABC's "The View" is like "living in hell."

The co-hosts didn't mention him by name, referring to Trump as "he" and "that guy."

### International

**KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)** — Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir on Wednesday rebuffed calls for U.N. peace-keeping troops in war-ravaged Darfur despite personal pleas from New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson.

Richardson wrapped up a four-day private diplomatic mission with a conditional promise from various factions in the conflict for another cease-fire.

**SRIHARIKOTA, India (AP)** — India on Wednesday launched a rocket carrying a satellite designed to test re-entry vehicle technology that could be used in a future manned space mission.

The red-and-white rocket climbed into space from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh to the cheers of scientists and engineers at mission control.

The rocket also put the first Indonesian-built satellite into space, Indonesian officials said.

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — Invoking Christ and Castro as his socialist models, President Hugo Chavez began his third term Wednesday by declaring that socialism, not capitalism, is the only way forward for Venezuela and the world.

His first stop: Nicaragua, where leftist ally Daniel Ortega was returning to power with his own inauguration hours later. Chavez can now count on remaining president until 2013 — or later if he gets his way with a constitutional amendment allowing him to run again.

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** — The Security Council voted unanimously Wednesday to extend the mandate of U.N. and French peacekeepers in Ivory Coast until June 30 and authorized it to help dismantle all militias and help with preparations for elections by Oct. 31.

The resolution does not authorize any U.N. troop increase, but it says the council intends to review the size of the U.N. force and its mandates by June 30 "in the light of the progress achieved in the implementation of the peace process."

### More Troops

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of the Iraqi people. Now is the time to act."

Resisting calls for troop reductions, Bush said that "failure in Iraq would be a disaster for the United States. ... A democratic Iraq will not be perfect. But it will be a country that fights terrorists instead of harboring them."

But Bush warned that the strategy would, in a short term he did not define, bring more violence rather than less.

"Even if our new strategy works exactly as planned, deadly acts of violence will continue, and we must expect more Iraqi and American casualties," he said. "The question is whether our new strategy will bring us closer to success. I believe that it will."

Bush's warning was echoed by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a leading proponent of a troop increase. "Is it going to be a strain on the military? Absolutely. Casualties are going to go up," the senator said.

Bush said he considered calls from Democrats and some Republicans to pull back American forces. He concluded it would devastate Iraq and "result in our troops being forced to stay even longer."

But he offered a concession to Congress — the establishment of a bipartisan working group to formalize regular consultations on Iraq. He said he was open to future exchanges and better ideas.

Bush's strategy ignored key recommendations of the Iraq Study Group, which in December called for a new diplomatic offensive and an outreach to Syria and Iran.

Instead, he accused both countries of aiding terrorists and insurgents in Iraq. "We will disrupt the attacks on our forces," Bush said. "We will interrupt the flow of support from Iran and Syria."

The troop buildup comes two months after elections that were widely seen as a call for the withdrawal of some or all U.S. forces from Iraq. Polling by AP-Ipsos in December found that only 27 percent of Americans approved of Bush's handling of Iraq, his lowest rating yet.

Bush's blueprint would boost the number of U.S. troops in Iraq — now at 132,000 — to 153,500 at a cost of \$5.6 billion. The highest number was 160,000 a year ago in a troop buildup for Iraqi elections.

The latest increase calls for sending 17,500 U.S. combat troops to Baghdad. The first of five brigades will arrive by next Monday. The next would arrive by Feb. 15 and the remainder would come in 30-day increments.

Bush also committed 4,000 more Marines to Anbar Province, a base of the Sunni insurgency and foreign al-Qaida fighters.

Bush's plan mirrored earlier moves attempting to give Iraqi forces a bigger security role. The chief difference appeared to be a recognition that the Iraqis need more time to take on the full security burden.

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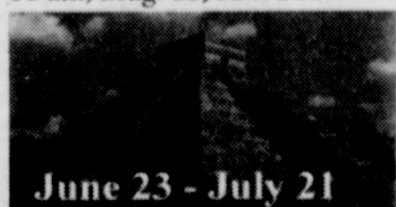
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3. Devan McClaine, Reporter (20-10, -58)	Colts	Eagles	Bears	Chargers	23-17
4. Paul Bittick, General Manager (19-11, -33)	Colts	Saints	Seahawks	Chargers	33-28
5. Tristan Aird, Sports Editor (19-11, -38)	Ravens	Saints	Bears	Chargers	34-31
6. Kathrene Tiffin, Spotlight Editor (19-11, -50)	Colts	Saints	Seahawks	Patriots	28-23
7. Sara Hamilton, Reporter (18-12, -46)	Ravens	Eagles	Bears	Chargers	21-17
8. John Middlekauff, Guest Columnist (12-12, -25)	Colts	Eagles	Bears	Chargers	35-24
9. Frank Stranzl, Ast. Sports Editor (13-17, -28)	Ravens	Saints	Bears	Chargers	28-17



## Johnny

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ized that the NFL wasn't a cake walk. After two years and a 15-17 record, Saban was gone.

Saban quickly realized that to a coach, the NFL stands for Not For Long.

Saban regretted ever leaving LSU, and ended up looking like a fraud and a coward by the way he handled the situation. This is a problem that can easily be avoided if Carroll stays.

He has the most coveted job in all of college athletics. He's on his way to becoming the Vince Lombardi of college football. The Trojans have won 56 of their last 60 games and have two national championships in the last four years.

ESPN is already ranking USC No. 1 in its preseason poll for

2007. Not only is the world in Carroll's hands, but he's a god in Southern California.

Carroll knows better than anyone that USC boosters' pockets are deeper and more generous than anybody can possibly comprehend.

Carroll is why the NFL doesn't have a team in Los Angeles. The city isn't clamoring for one because it already has the Trojans.

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He understood he meant too much to the school and the school meant too much to him. When you think about Duke University, one of the first people who comes to mind is Krzyzewski.

Carroll was 33-31 as a head coach in the NFL in the 1990s.

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Carroll should be content with what he has because no job in the NFL is worth giving up USC football for.

Unlike those fourth-and-two's that Carroll loves to go for, this is the one opportunity that he should just punt away.

## Lakers hammered in Houston, 102-77

**Kobe Bryant scored 20 points but was held to 6-for-18 shooting as Los Angeles lost its second straight game by double digits.**

**Chris Duncan**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Juwan Howard scored a season-high 23 points and Dikembe Mutombo moved into second place on the all-time blocks list in the Houston Rockets' 102-77 win over the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night.

Mutombo blocked five shots and grabbed 19 rebounds, matching a season high and reaching double-

digits for the eighth straight game. He now has 3,191 blocks, two more than Kareem Abdul-Jabbar on the all-time list.

Rafer Alston scored 20 points for the Rockets, who've won seven of nine games since Yao Ming broke a bone in his right leg.

Houston also snapped a four-game losing streak to the Lakers with little scoring help from Tracy McGrady, who'd topped 30 points in each of his last six games. McGrady had only eight points and appeared to aggravate his troublesome back late in the first half. He also had 12 assists.

The Lakers shot 34 percent (26 of 76) and mustered a season-low 31 points in the second half.

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kids kind of know when they're coming in and when they're leaving so they can get locked into a comfortable rhythm in the game, but that's earned in practice.

"If we weren't playing well and it didn't look like our assist-to-turnover ratio was very good and we didn't have great chemistry, obviously, I think you have to keep trying some new lineups. I like our assist-to-turnover ratio right now. We're sharing the basketball, we're taking good

shots and playing hard. You keep doing those things and you'll finally get the 'W'."

Each of the five starters brings something different to the table — Clark (3.1 assists per game), Whiten (11.9 points per game), Stockalper (12.6 ppg, 6.4 rebounds per game), McGinn (10.4 ppg, 45.2 percent 3-point shooting) and Shelton (7.9 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 1.9 blocks per game).

The sixth-man — 6-foot-8 junior post player Dreshawn Vance — has been crucial. The former West Coast Conference all-freshman pick while at Portland averages 8.0 points and 6.1 rebounds in only 17.7 minutes.

"Dreshawn has stepped up," Bromley said. "He doesn't mind his role of coming off the bench and will do whatever it takes for us to win. I can play him at the four, I can put him in for Titus at the five."

Shelton tied a school record with six blocked shots against Cal State Fullerton on Dec. 28, equaling Phil Johnson's six rejections in a 2004-05 game. Shelton has swatted five shots in two other games this season.

Bromley compared the 6-foot-7 Shelton's defensive prowess to Varnie Dennis, who owns the Nos. 1 and 2 shot-blocking seasons in school history with 58 in 2002-03 and 42 in

2001-02.

Shelton has 26 at the halfway point of his sophomore year, which already puts him sixth on the single-season list.

"Both of them (Shelton and Dennis) have similar abilities and traits where they just have a huge wingspan," Bromley said. "Titus is 6-7 but he's got about a 7-foot-1 wingspan. He plays a lot bigger than what he is. He's got great timing, long arms. I think people think they can just go up against him because he is undersized and all of a sudden that long arm comes up. If he keeps going

he'll break Varnie Dennis' records."

As for Cal Poly's record, it could be back at the .500 mark if the Mustangs sweep their nonconference home stand with games tonight and against Sacramento State (7-9) at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

That would mark the first time the Mustangs have been at .500 this late in the season since a 6-6 start to the 2003-04 campaign, which included wins at Cal and USC.

"We've been playing well at home," Bromley said. "We have great character kids and I expect us to be prepared."

Chargers

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championship game at Balboa Stadium, when Keith Lincoln led San Diego to a 51-10 victory.

San Diego has won two straight against the Patriots in recent years. In 2002, the Chargers beat the defending Super Bowl champions 21-14 in San Diego. In 2005, they went to New England and again

knocked off the defending Super Bowl winners, 41-17, this time ending the Patriots' NFL-record 21-game home winning streak.

"You definitely respect them for the things they've done in the past

and the things they've done throughout the season," Chargers All-Pro tight end Antonio Gates said. "You just want to go out and play with respect. But at the same time, you fear no one. That's our mind-set."

When it comes to postseason success, the Chargers and Patriots are polar opposites.

New England won the Super Bowl following the 2001, 2003 and 2004 seasons. During that span, the Chargers appeared in the playoffs once, losing at home in overtime to the New York Jets in the wild-card round following the 2004 season.

San Diego hasn't won in the postseason since stunning Pittsburgh in the AFC championship game following the 1994 season. Including the Super Bowl wipeout that followed, the Chargers have lost three straight postseason games.

Schottenheimer has lost five straight dating to 1993 when he was with Kansas City. Overall, he is 5-12 in the playoffs.

The Chargers think this might be the breakthrough season for themselves and their coach. While beating the Patriots would certainly be a statement, the Chargers are more concerned about themselves.

"My feeling about it is, that if

you're going to be a champion, you're going to have to play and win along the way," Schottenheimer said. "If you play them in the first round, second round, championship game, it really doesn't matter. For us it's staying in the moment and finding a way to win one game this weekend."

Brady is 11-1 in the postseason and won three Super Bowls before he turned 28. He is a two-time Super Bowl MVP.

Rivers, by comparison, will be making his playoff debut. He's an excitable type, but he's also the son of a coach.

"I'm not sure what to expect from him," Tomlinson said. "He is excited about being in the playoffs. Part of being a quarterback, you keep that even keel of not getting too excited. But in the weight room just a while ago he was talking about how after the New England game, he was already ready to go. So I'm thinking to myself, 'We've got a long way to go. We've got six days, Philip.'"

"It's good, because he's excited to be in his first playoff game. For us who've played in the playoff game, we're reminded that a fast horse runs fast, but it don't run long," Tomlinson said.

Rivers wasn't made available to the media Monday. He likely was having his sprained right foot treated. Rivers was hurt in the season finale, when he threw two touchdown passes in a 27-20 win over Arizona.

Schottenheimer said Rivers' foot is fine.

Two years ago, the Chargers were quickly ushered out of the playoffs in a 20-17 overtime loss to the Jets.

"I think we were trying too hard," Tomlinson said. "We were running off emotions the first part of the game, so everything was emotional."

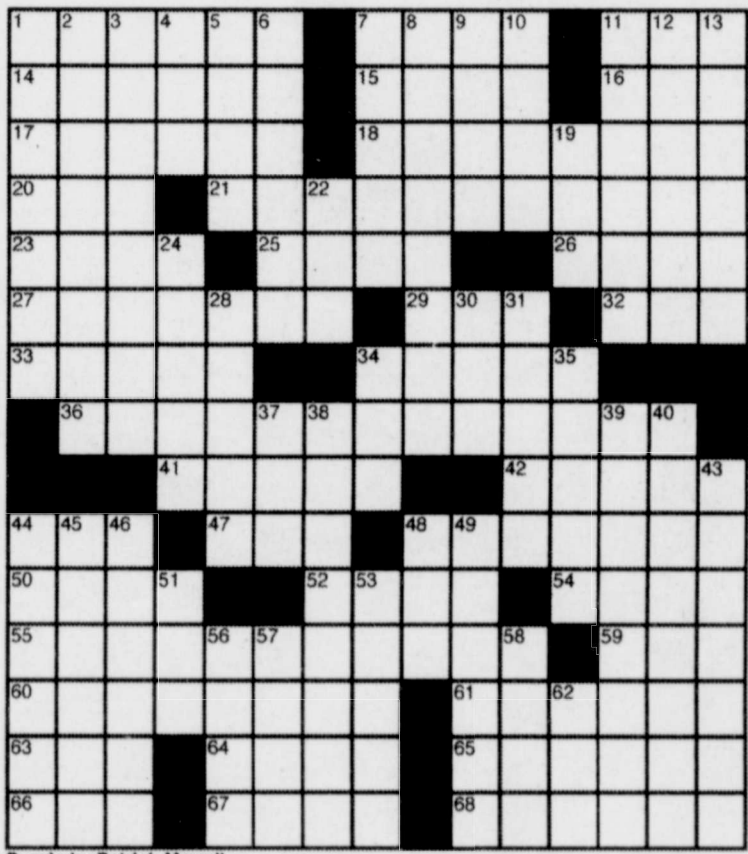
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  - 15 Physics units also known as centigrays
  - 16 Flurry
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  - 18 Highlight of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony
  - 20 West Coast beer, familiarly
  - 21 She/he pairing
  - 23 People of the Southwest
  - 25 "Neither \_\_\_\_ anyone else ..."
  - 26 Caudex, in botany
  - 27 Tell a thing or two
  - 29 Group date?
  - 32 Toothpaste tube letters
  - 33 "The Deep" co-star, 1977
  - 34 Arrest
  - 36 21- or 55-Across
  - 41 Coolidge and others
  - 42 \_\_\_\_ Banks
  - 44 Vs.
  - 47 Goddess whose home was on the edge of Oceanus
  - 48 Like some shoes
  - 50 Poke (around)
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  - 54 Depletes
  - 55 He/she pairing
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  - 61 Lower

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  - 10 Cornerstone abbr.
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  - 12 Beloved
  - 13 Musician who takes a bow
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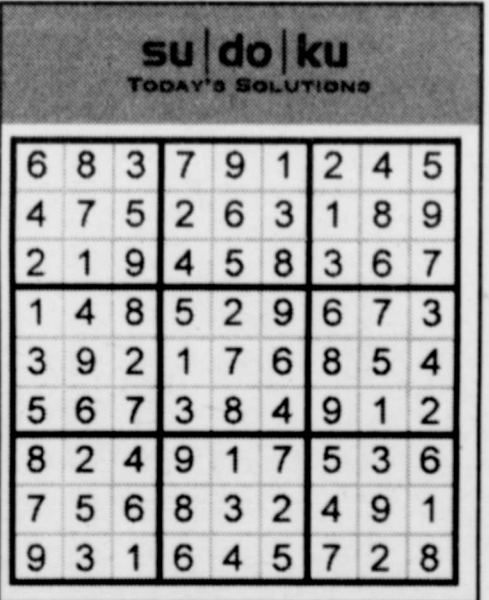


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# Poly-UC Davis rivalry comes to hardwood tonight

The Mustangs have lost four straight to the Aggies since UC Davis began its transition from Division II.

Tristan Aird  
MUSTANG DAILY

To Cal Poly men's basketball head coach Kevin Bromley, a rivalry on the hardwood is gradually building between his program and UC Davis.

Part of it, no surprise, is because the Aggies will officially join the Big West Conference next year. The other part is more intriguing — Cal Poly's storied Horseshoe Classic rivalry with UC Davis in football.

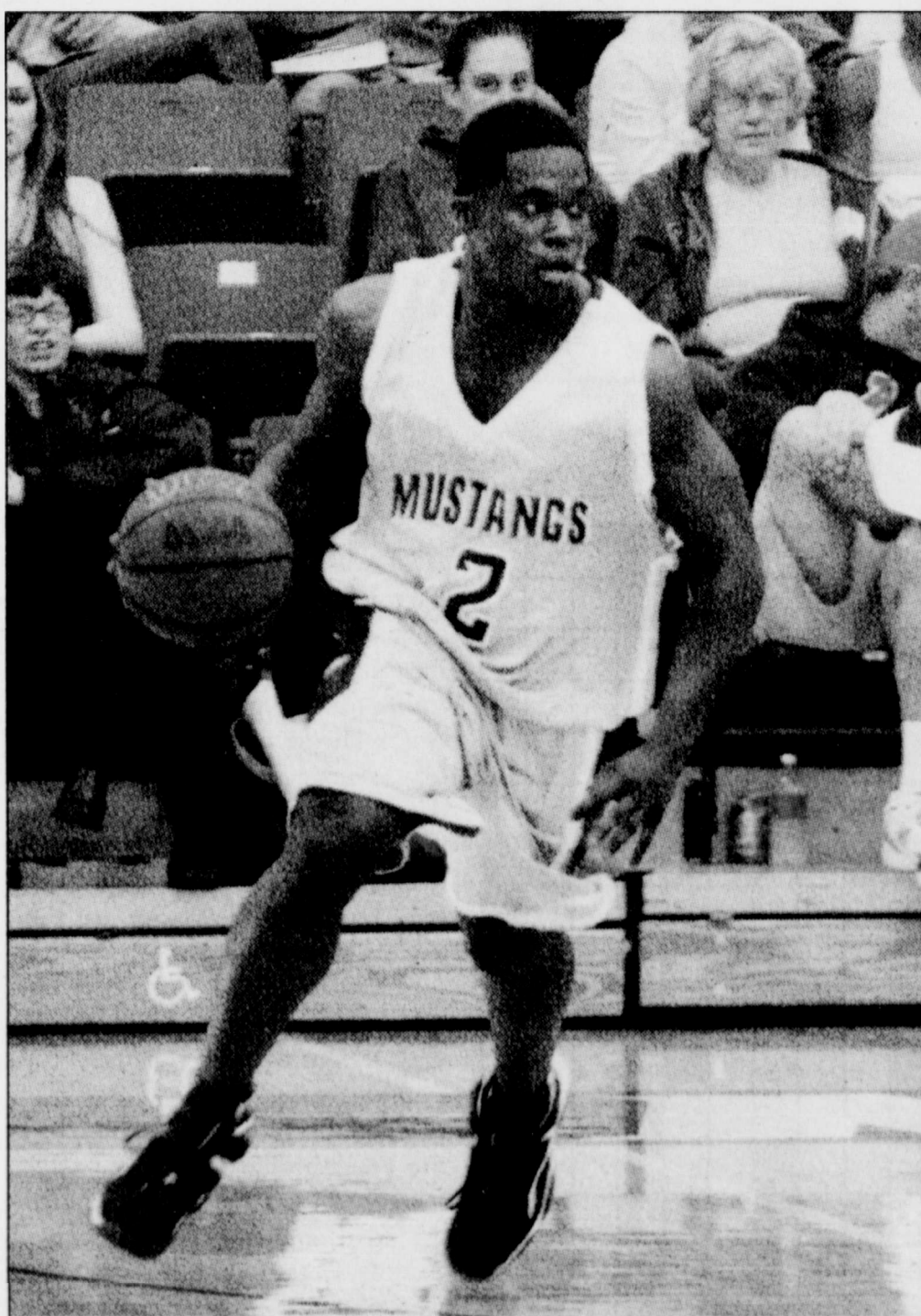
"I think our rivalry with football helps that," Bromley said Monday at a weekly press conference. "I think it'll end up developing into something pretty good over the years as Davis ends up being in our conference."

An early glimpse at the budding rivalry can be seen tonight when UC Davis (2-11), in its final year of transitioning from the Division II ranks, visits Cal Poly (6-8, 1-3 Big West) at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym.

"They're going to be an integral part of this conference," Bromley said. "They bring a lot to the conference. They're very competitive in all their sports. It's a good academic school. I really like that in the conference."

Although the Mustangs own a 22-11 advantage in the all-time series, which began in 1946, they have lost all four games against the Aggies since the schools started playing each other home-and-away in the 2004-05 season. And the games haven't been all that close, with Cal Poly losing 79-56, 85-65, 65-52 and 83-70.

Cal Poly feels like that can change this season, partly because it is 5-2 at home and UC Davis is 0-6 on the road while being outscored by an average of 14.8 points per game on the season.



PATRICK TRAUTFIELD FILE PHOTO

Shown in a 91-72 home win over Division II Cal State Stanislaus on Nov. 20, Cal Poly junior shooting guard Dawin Whiten has averaged 11.9 points, 3.1 assists and 1.1 steals per game so far this season.

Like the Mustangs, the Aggies have only three seniors on their roster. That has led to early struggles for UC Davis in both field-goal shooting (38.8 percent) and turnovers (19.6 per game).

The silver lining for the Aggies might be an aggressive defense that

comes up with 7.7 steals per game.

"They try to make it ugly," Bromley said of UC Davis' style. "They press you. They kind of changed their offensive scheme a little bit this year."

As for Cal Poly, it's been an up-and-down season that includes a

## IF YOU GO...

**Who:** Cal Poly vs. UC Davis

**What:** Nonconference men's basketball game

**Where:** Mott Gym

**When:** 7 p.m. today

**Need to Know:** The first 500 students in attendance will receive free Cal Poly hoops T-shirts. Students are admitted free.

three-game winning streak followed by two separate two-game losing skids. The latter is exactly what the Mustangs are coming off, suffering consecutive Big West defeats last week at UC Irvine (66-62) and Long Beach State (77-70).

"I like how we competed the last two games, a lot different from San Jose State," Bromley said, referring to an 80-63 loss at San Jose State (1-13) on Dec. 3.

Bromley said one aspect his team must improve from its last two games is defense in the half-court set.

"Our secondary defense, like our zones, need to get better," he said. "I didn't think we guarded the ball very well in both of those. We have kind of a matchup zone 2-3. I thought those were poor. We're going to work on those. We still have a lot of work to do on our defense."

One benefit for Cal Poly so far this season has been using the same starting lineup in all 14 games — sophomore point guard Trae Clark, junior shooting guard Dawin Whiten, senior small forward Derek Stockalper, senior power forward Tyler McGinn and sophomore center Titus Shelton.

Bromley, though, said the starting five is "not set in stone" and that spots are determined on the practice floor.

"It's for guys during the week to take that position from them," he said. "You like your rotation where the

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## Johnny in the Box



## Carroll should stay at USC

John Middlekauff  
SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

USC head football coach Pete Carroll came out and publicly said he's not going anywhere, but we know how that one goes.

After losing his head coach, Nick Saban to the University of Alabama less than a week ago, Miami Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga is actively pursuing Carroll.

Carroll, who has been on a wish list of NFL owners for years, hasn't ever pondered leaving his current dynasty. He has coached previously in the NFL but said he enjoys coaching college football more because of the power that he has over his program.

But what if he was given that power over an NFL franchise?

Huizenga personally flew to Costa Rica where Carroll was vacationing recently to talk to him about the job. Huizenga will be willing to not only make him the highest-paid coach in the NFL, but give him complete control of football operations. Any other coach in college would have already signed.

But hopefully Carroll is smart and doesn't make a decision that would haunt him for the rest of his life. Carroll said Huizenga's ideas were so intriguing that he couldn't help but listen.

There's nothing wrong with listening and letting the billionaire inflate that thing known as your ego, but when it comes to signing on that dotted line, Carroll should tell him thanks, but no thanks. He has the opportunity to stay somewhere and become a living legend. For once, he should be the football coach that makes the right decision, and doesn't end up looking like a liar, like the person he'd be replacing.

There are several reasons why you shouldn't even contemplate giving up riding your Trojan horse to swim with a dolphin.

First, learn from Saban's mistakes. Saban, who split a national championship with Carroll four years ago at LSU, bolted for Miami for big money and the lime light. That was, until he real-

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## Mustang baseball team picked to finish 5th in Big West coaches poll

Cal Poly received 31 points, behind Cal State Fullerton, UC Riverside, UC Irvine and Long Beach State.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly baseball team was picked to finish fifth among eight teams in the Big West Conference preseason coaches poll released Tuesday.

The Mustangs, who were 29-27 overall and 10-11 in the Big West last year, received 31 points.

Cal State Fullerton took first with seven first-place votes and 63 total points, followed by UC Riverside (50), UC Irvine (48) —

which got one first-place vote, Long Beach State (43), Cal Poly, UC Santa Barbara (23), Pacific (22) and Cal State Northridge (8).

Cal State Fullerton has won the last three Big West titles and is ranked No. 12 in the nation to begin the season by Collegiate Baseball newspaper and No. 15 by Baseball America.

Cal Poly returns a conference-high 21 letterwinners from last year, including All-Big West honorable mention pick Grant Desme.

Desme, a junior infielder, hit .287 with eight home runs and 33 RBI last year.

Cal Poly opens the season at the University of San Diego on Jan. 26.

## Chargers TE Gates: 'You fear no one'

San Diego, whose 14 regular-season wins are its most since the team's inception in 1960, hosts the New England Patriots in an AFC divisional playoff showdown at 1:30 p.m. PST Sunday.

Bernie Wilson  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The San Diego Chargers know all about the New England Patriots.

They know about the three Super Bowl titles in the last five seasons. And Tom Brady's near-perfect postseason success. And Bill Belichick's status as one of the NFL's sharpest — if not sharpest-dressed — coaches.

"But we still intend to show up," Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer said.

Because of their NFL-best 14-2 record, the Chargers had the luxury of sitting at home Sunday and watching the Patriots beat the New York Jets 37-16 in a wild-card game.

Led by league MVP LaDainian Tomlinson and quarterback Philip Rivers, who will be making his first playoff start, San Diego will host the Patriots next Sunday in the divisional round. The Chargers have home-field advantage as long as they're alive in the AFC playoffs.

The Chargers and Patriots haven't faced each other in the postseason since the 1963 AFL

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